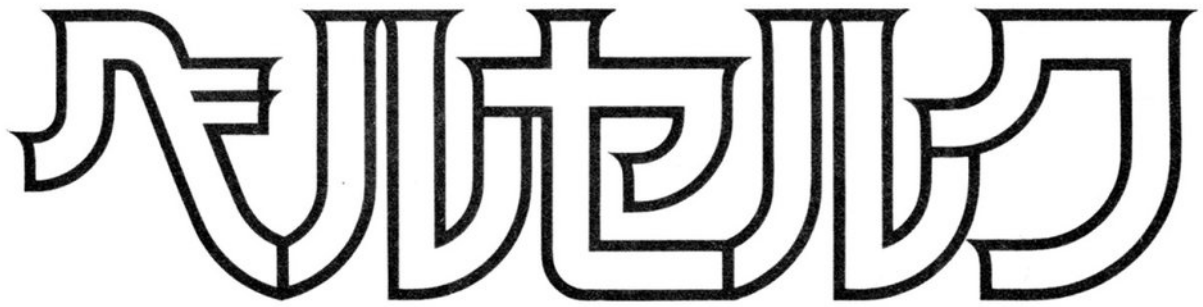


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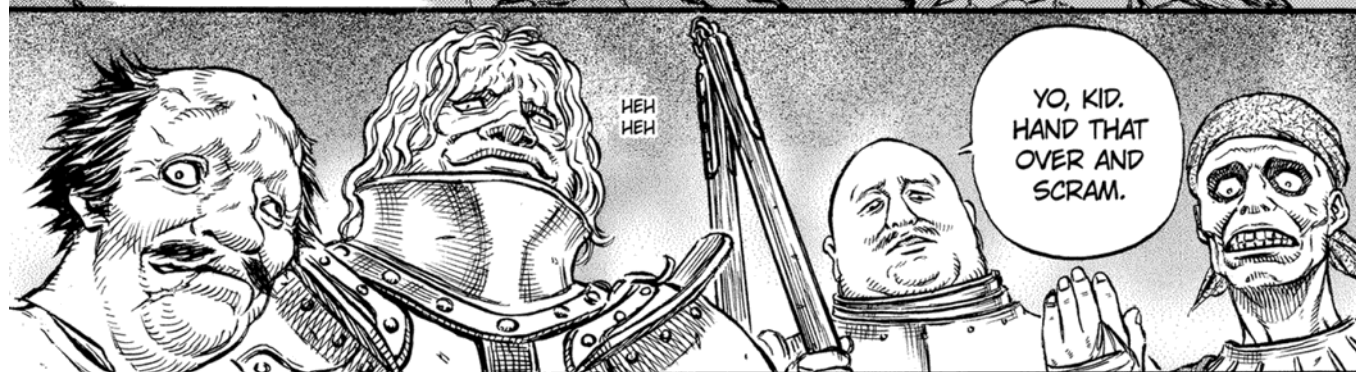
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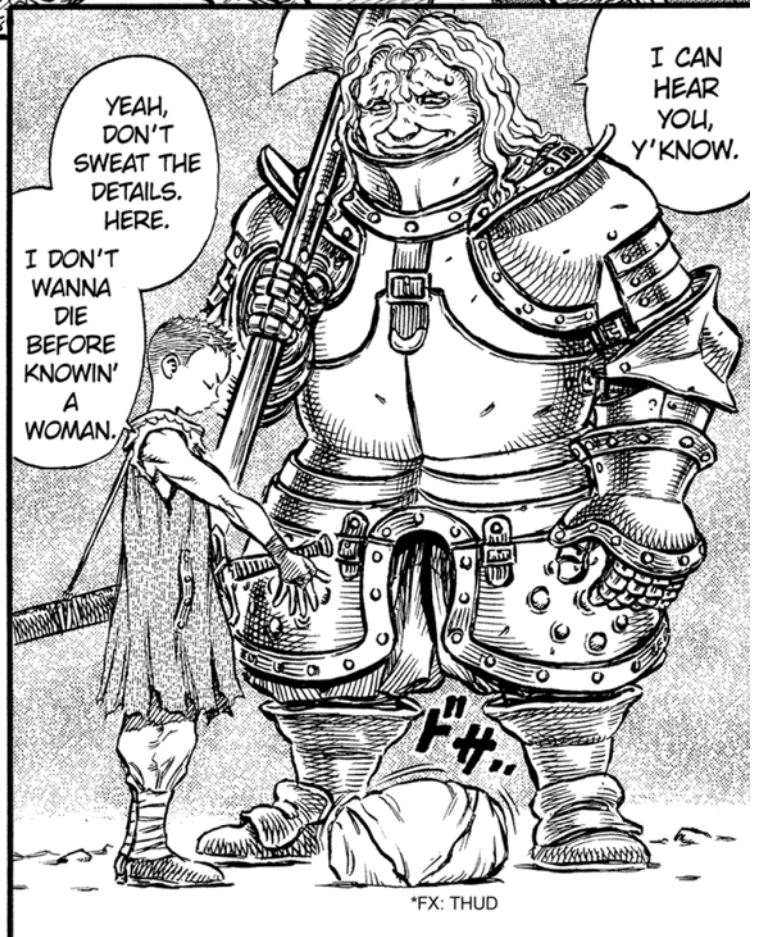
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WHY DON'TCHA
TRY FINDIN'
YER OWN?!
GROWN-UPS
AIN'T SUPPOSED
TO STEAL
FROM KIDS!!
YOU MAKE
ME **SICK!!**

**TAKE A
HIKE!!**
THIS'S THE
ONLY FOOD
I'VE
MANAGED
TO GET IN
FOUR DAYS!!





HEHEH...
IS THAT
SO?

HEHEH...
IS THAT
SO?

UGH...!

ALL
RIGHT,
ALREADY,
JUST
GET...

IS IT
GOOD
?

YEAH,
BUT YOU
DON'T
GET ANY.

*FX: GEHHH

*FX: SHUMP

KID,
WHAT'D
YOU...
OOO!!

THIS STUFF
REALLY
WORKS...
SURE WAS
EXPENSIVE.

H-HEY,
WHAT
GIVES?!

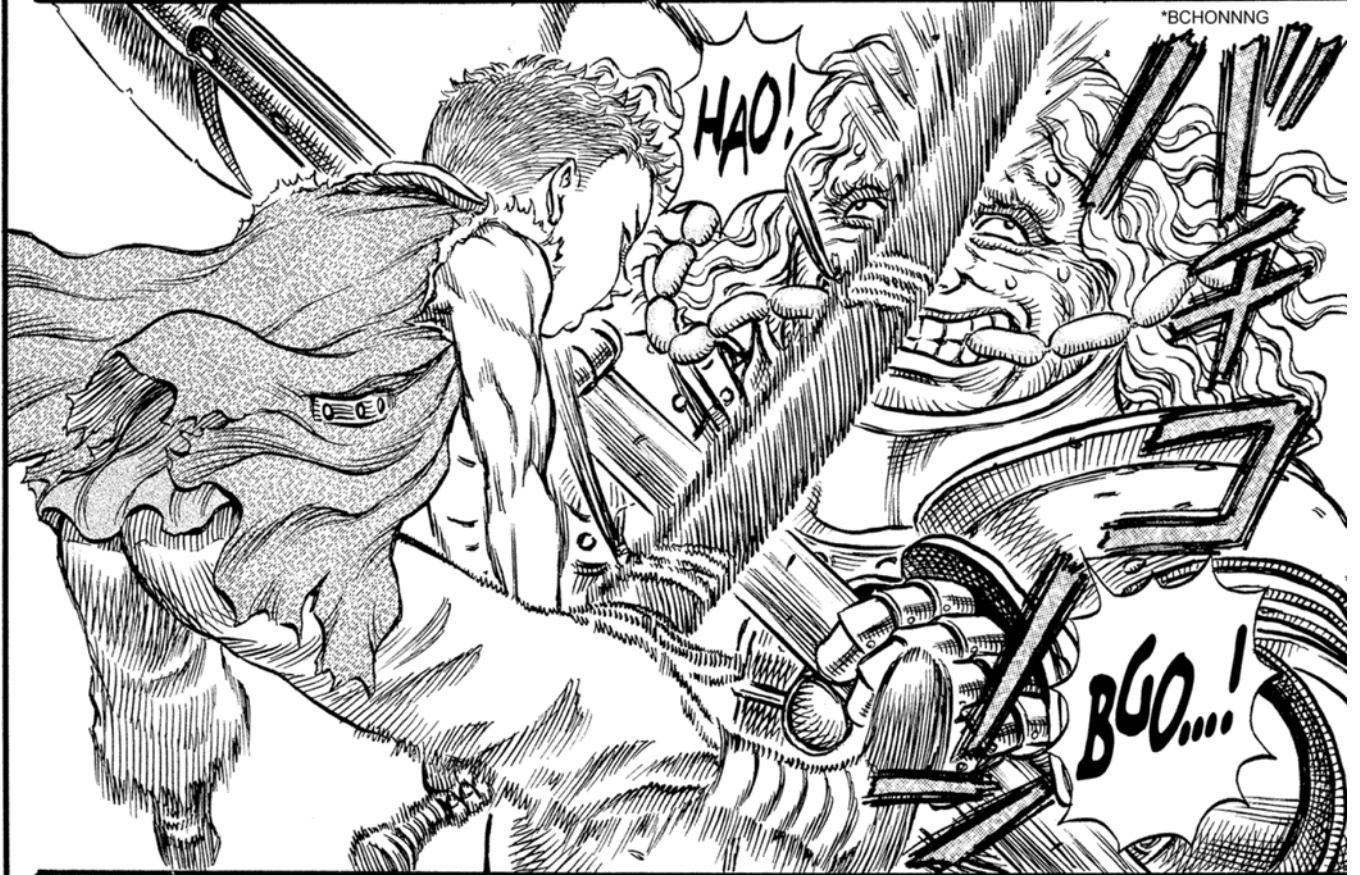
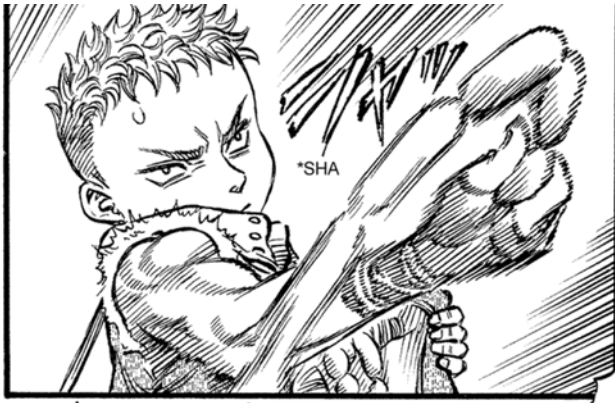
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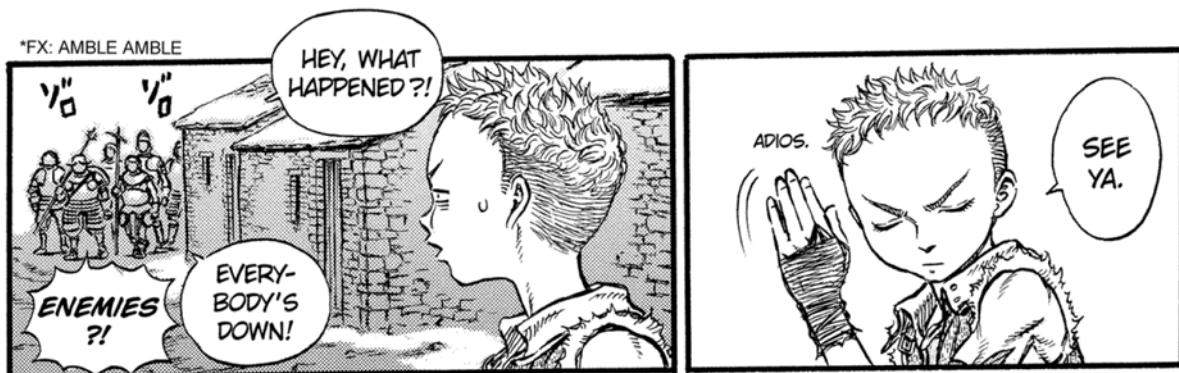
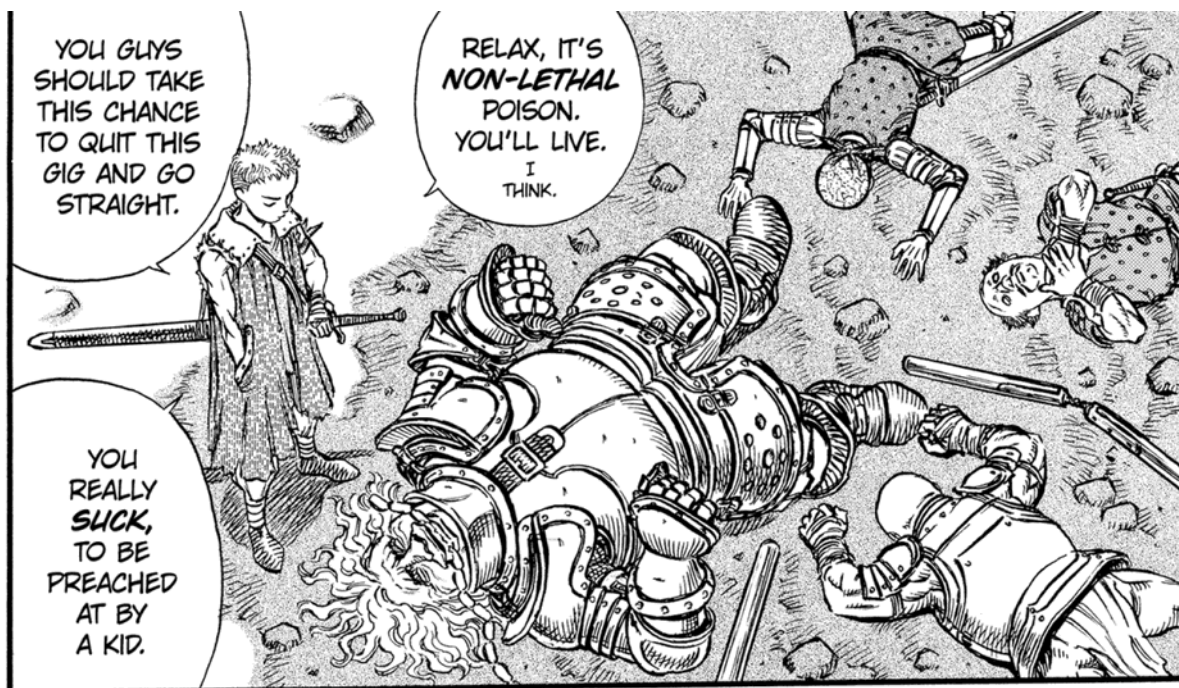
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YUCK
YUCK

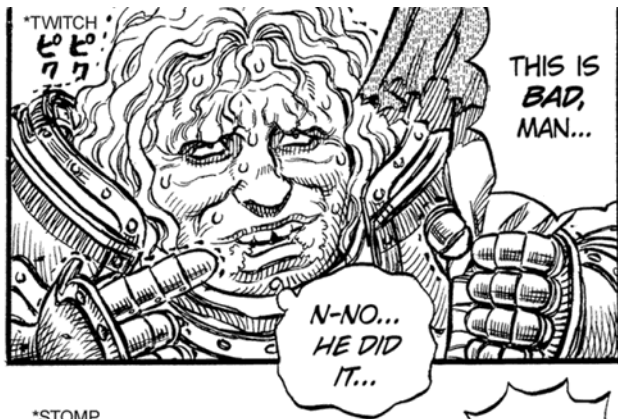
*KASHANNG

I DON'T LIKE BEIN'
MADE FUN OF, SEE?
NOT BY OVERGROWN
JERKS LIKE YOU GLYS.

MY
SHARE'S
RIGHT
HERE.







*TWITCH
ててて

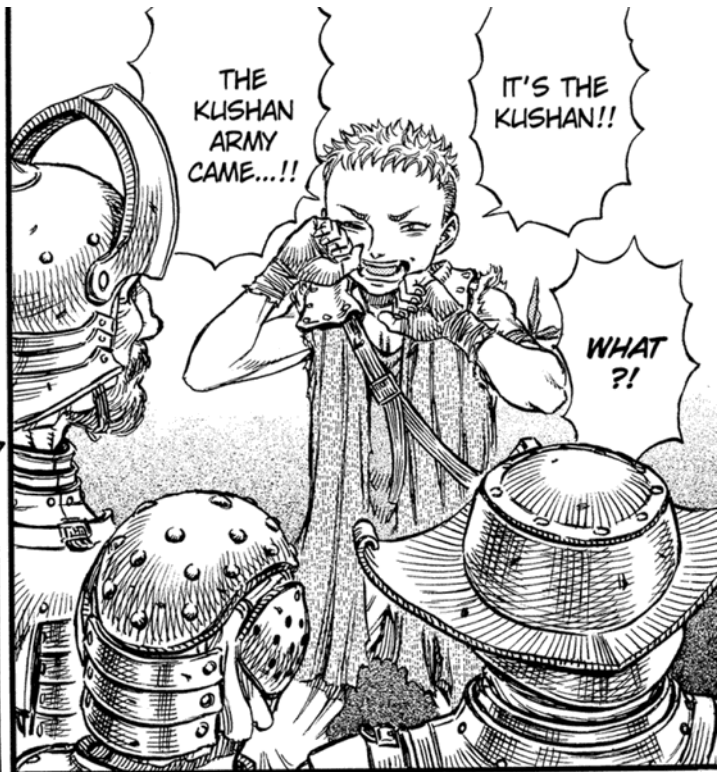
THIS IS
BAD,
MAN...

N-NO...
HE DID
IT...



*STOMP
どどどどど

WHAT
DO WE
DO?!



THE
KUSHAN
ARMY
CAME...!!

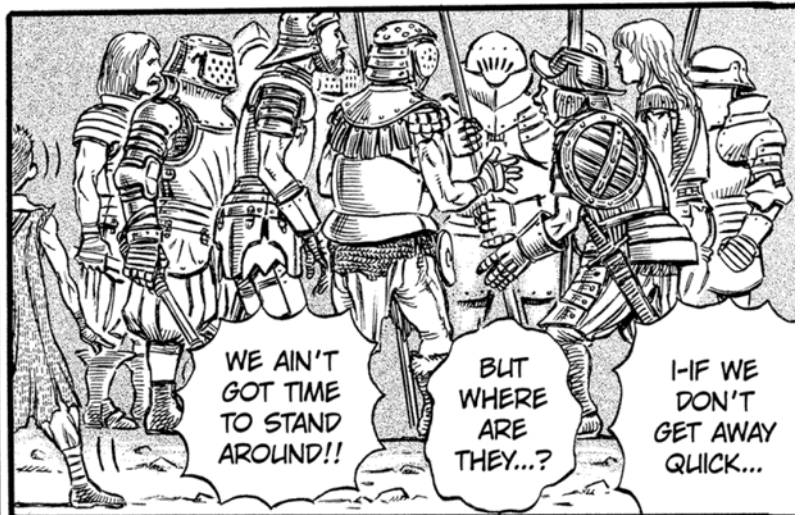
IT'S THE
KUSHAN!!

WHAT
?!



MORONS.

くくく



WE AIN'T
GOT TIME
TO STAND
AROUND!!

BUT
WHERE
ARE
THEY...?

I-IF WE
DON'T
GET AWAY
QUICK...

*FX: SNEAK SNEAK

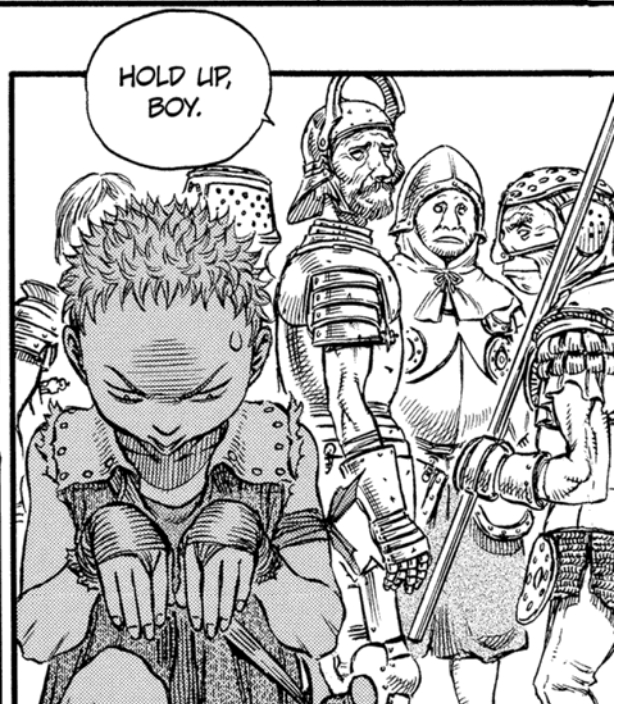


AND LOOK.
THE GLYS ON
THE GROUND
DON'T HAVE
ANY SWORD
WOUNDS.

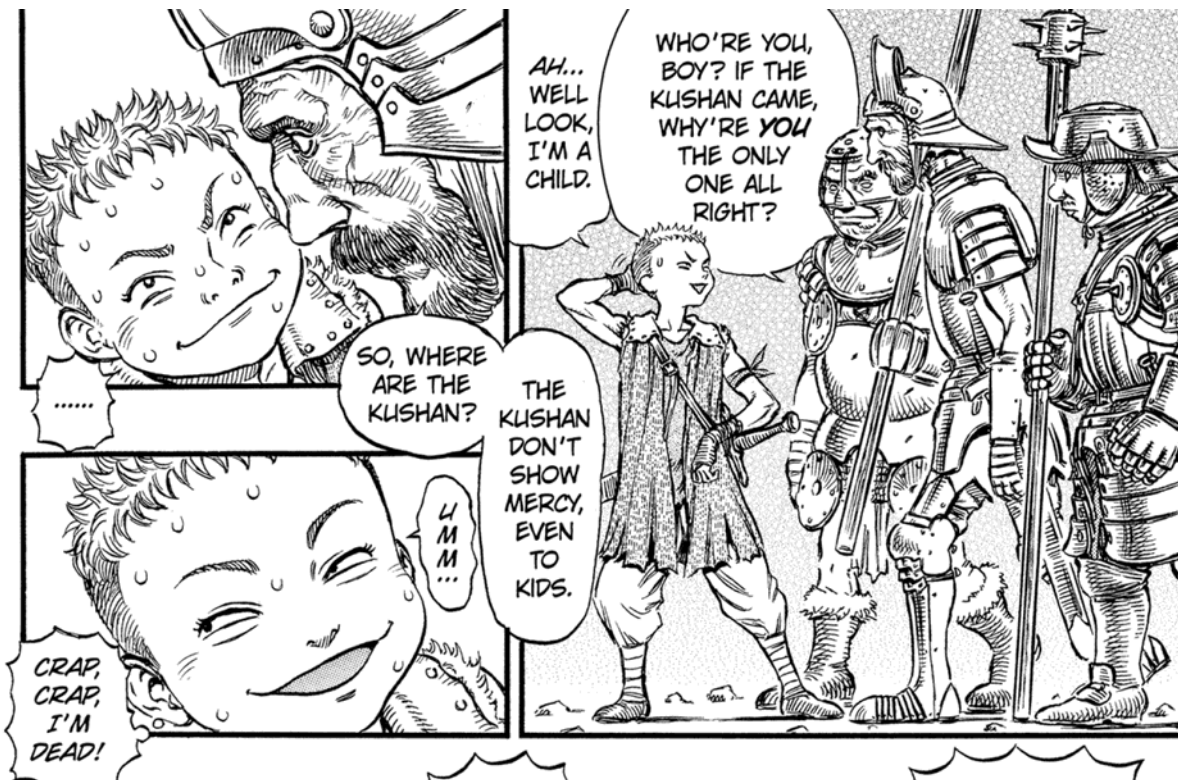
THIS'S
PRETTY
WEIRD. IF
THE KUSHAN
ARMY **WAS**
HERE, HOW
COME WE
DIDN'T HEAR
HOOVES?



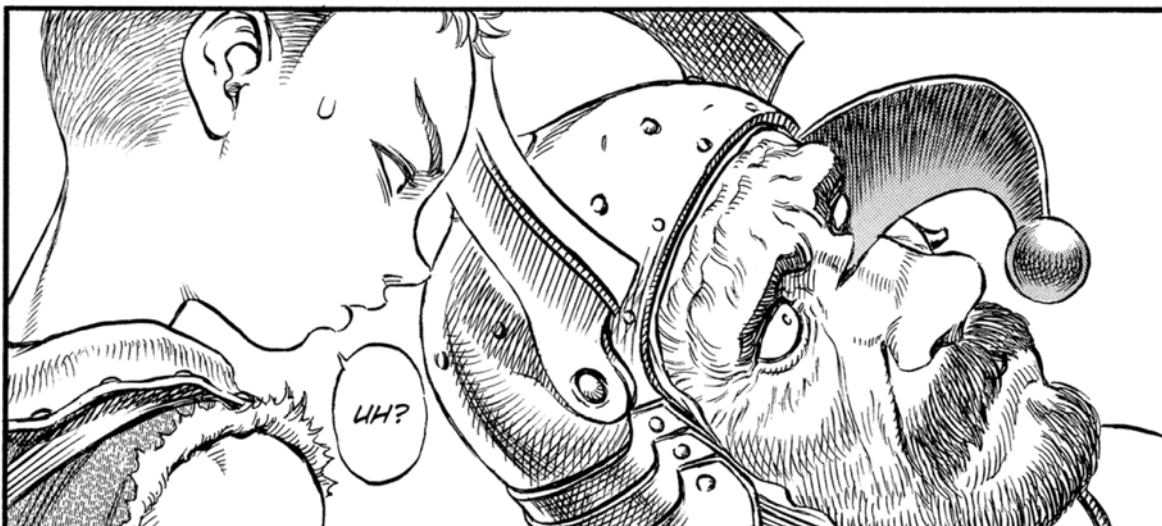
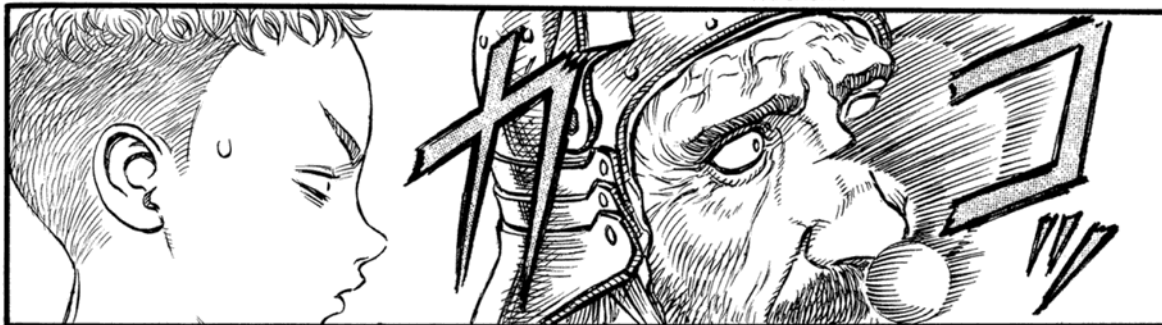
AND
YEAH,
HEY...

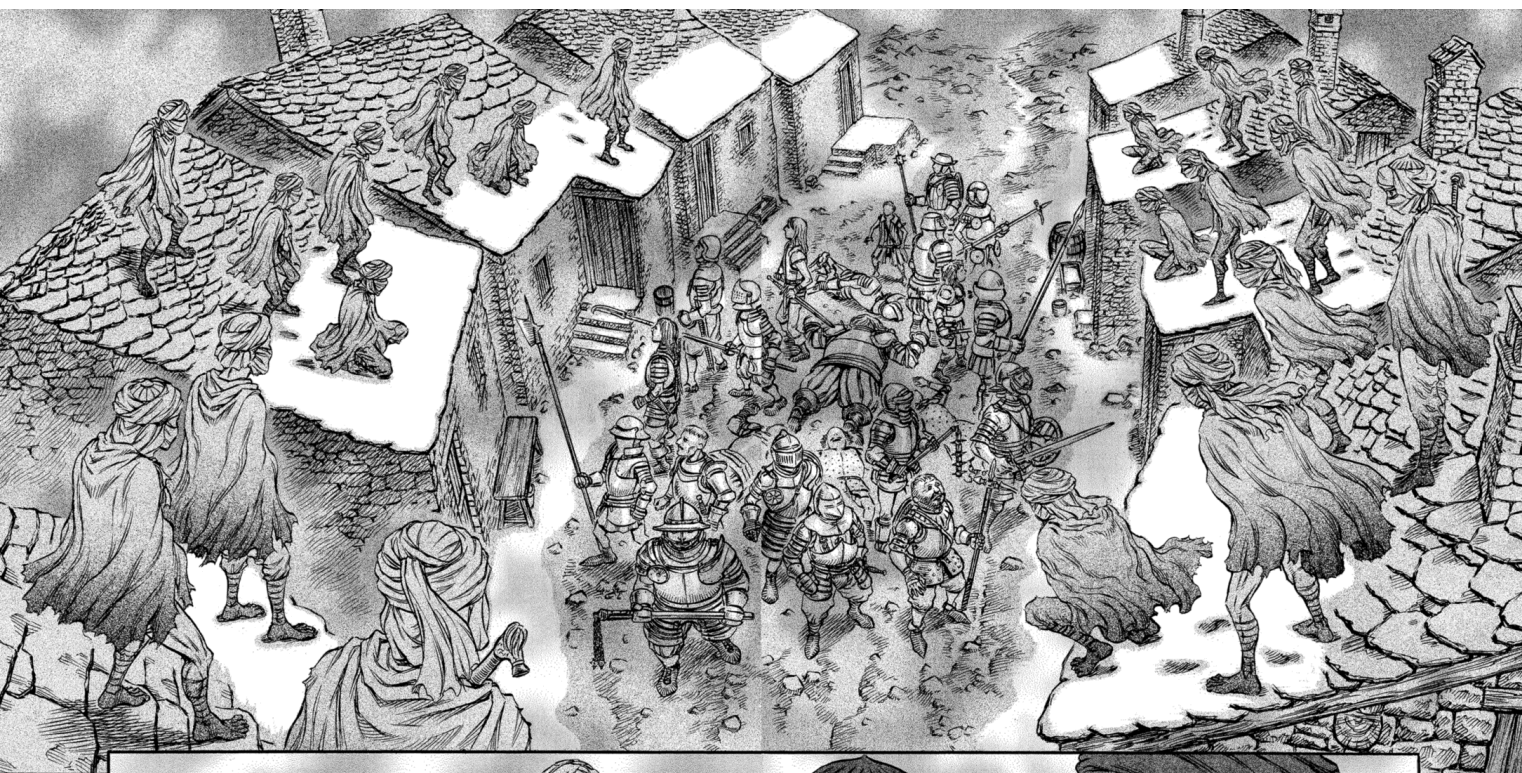


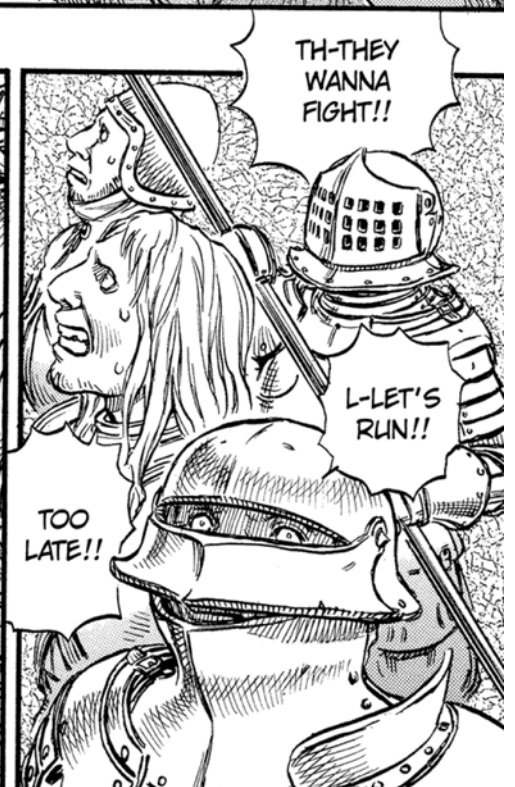
HOLD UP,
BOY.

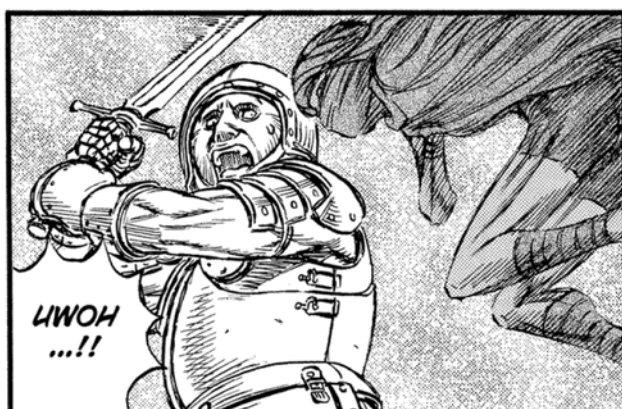
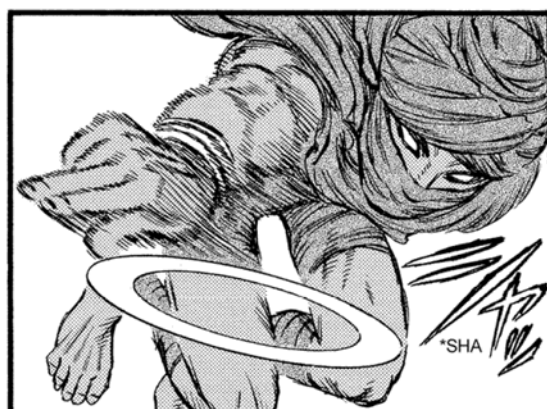


*FX: SHUNK



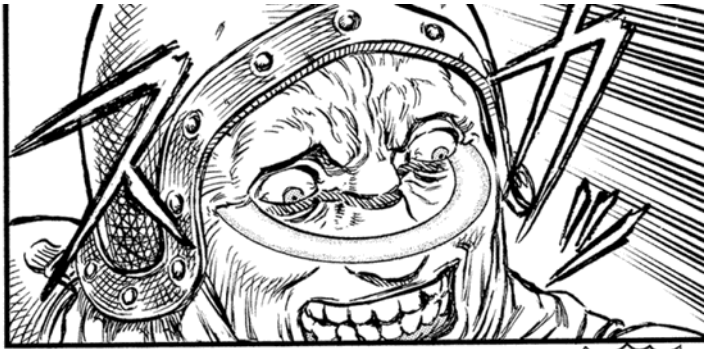








*CHONK



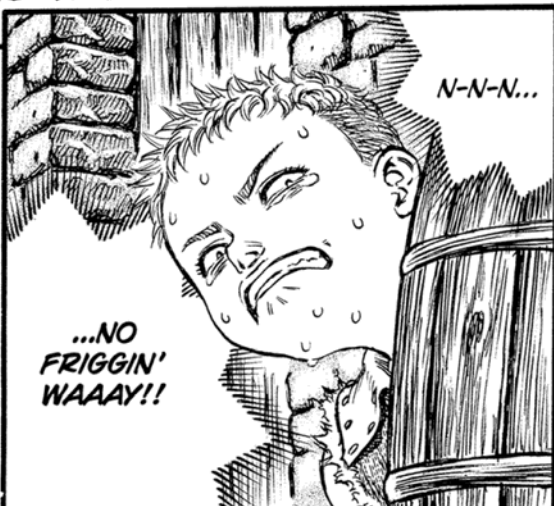
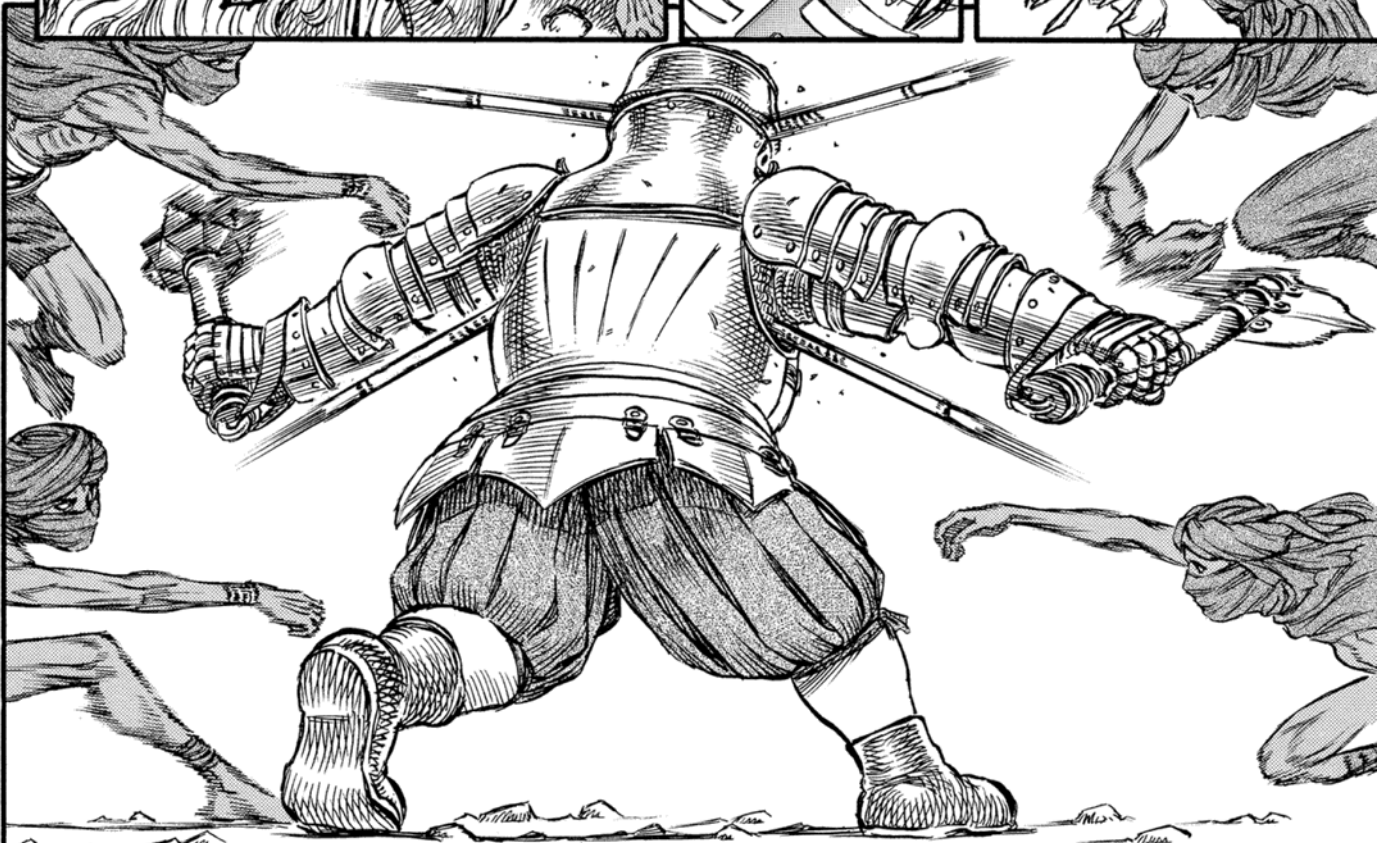
*FX: SHUNK

*FX: BACHING

*FX: CHINNG



Y-YOU
BASTARDS!
!



N-N-N...

...NO
FRIGGIN'
WAAAY!!

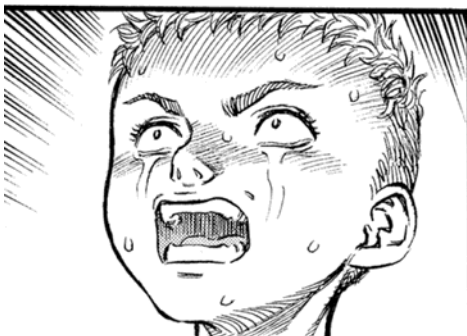
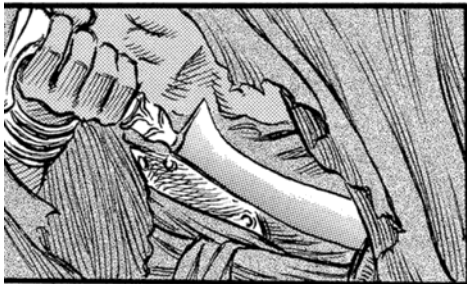


*GSHANG



ALL
DEAD...!!

IN THE
BLINK
OF AN
EYE...!!

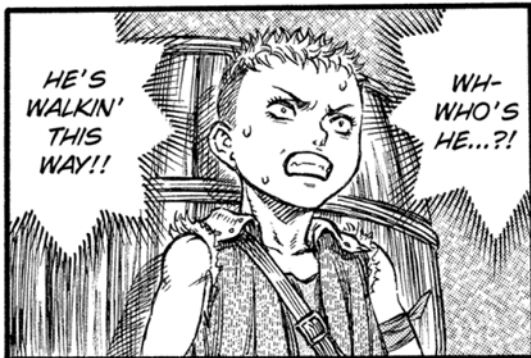




*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



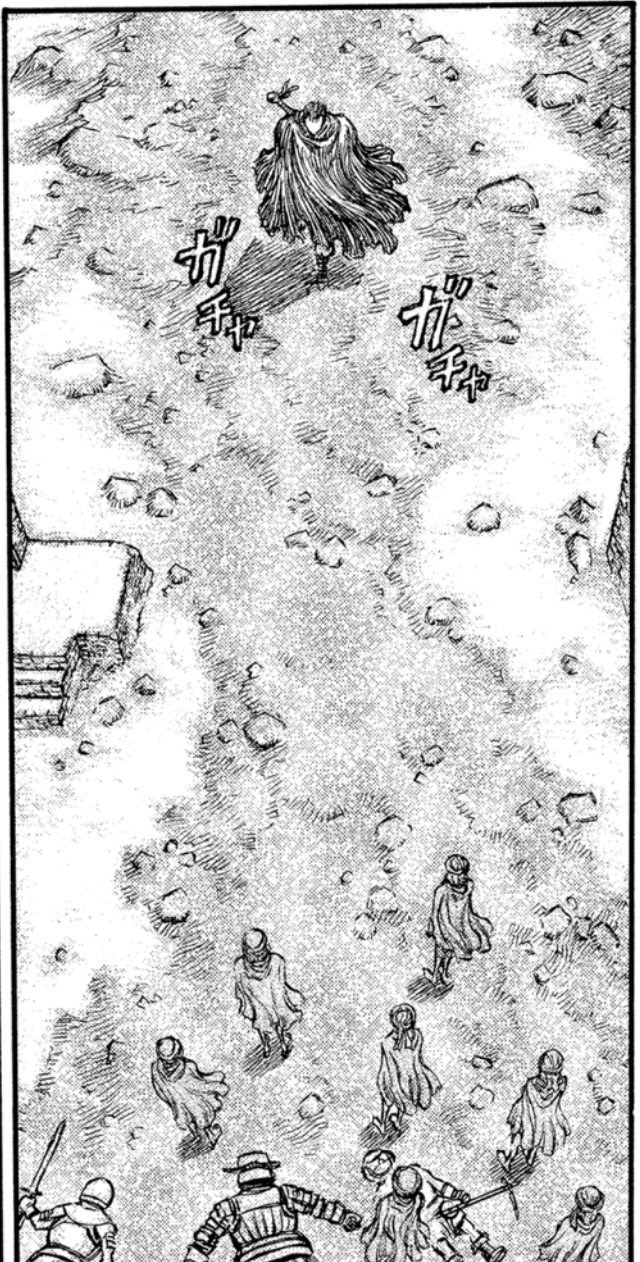
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*FX: WHISPER

*FX: JAK

*FX: CHAK





*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



*FX: SFF SFF



*FX: SFF SFF



*FX: GCHAK GCHAK



*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA ZHA



*FX: GSHAK

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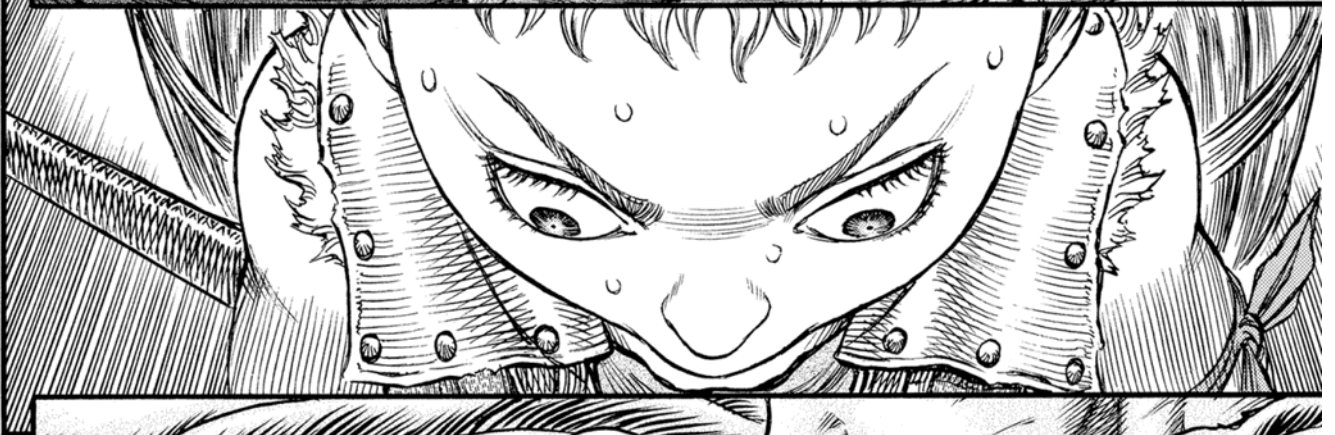








*FX: GSSH DOLCH DOLCH



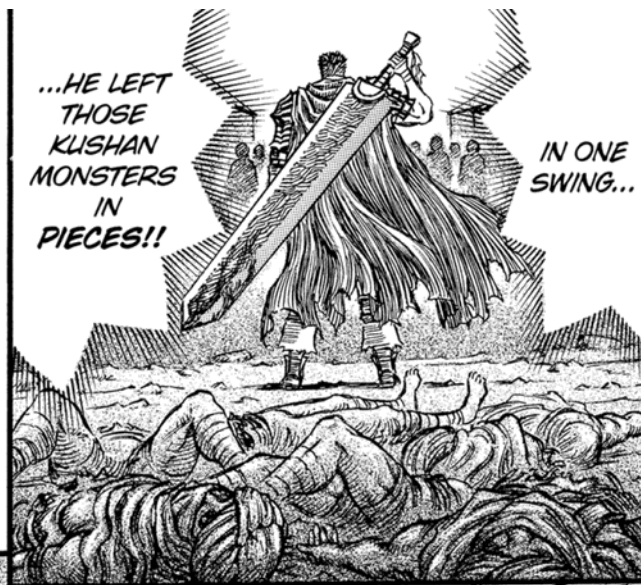
...
SUDDEN?

WASN'T
THAT A
BIT...



DIDN'T THINK
I'D GET TO
TRY IT OUT
SO SOON.

*ZHA



...HE LEFT
THOSE
KLISHAN
MONSTERS
IN
PIECES!!

IN ONE
SWING...



IS IT...
A
SWORD
?!

WH-WH-WH-
WHAT'S
THAT
FRIGGIN'
HUGE
THING?!

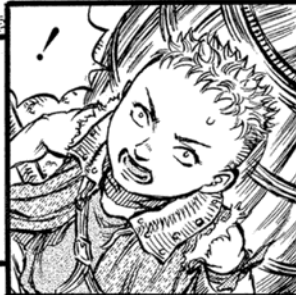


HEY,
CLEAR THE
ROAD. I'M
IN A HURRY.

WHO
ARE YOU
PEOPLE?

AND HE
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW!

...
...
!



HE'S A
WALKING
WEAPON
...

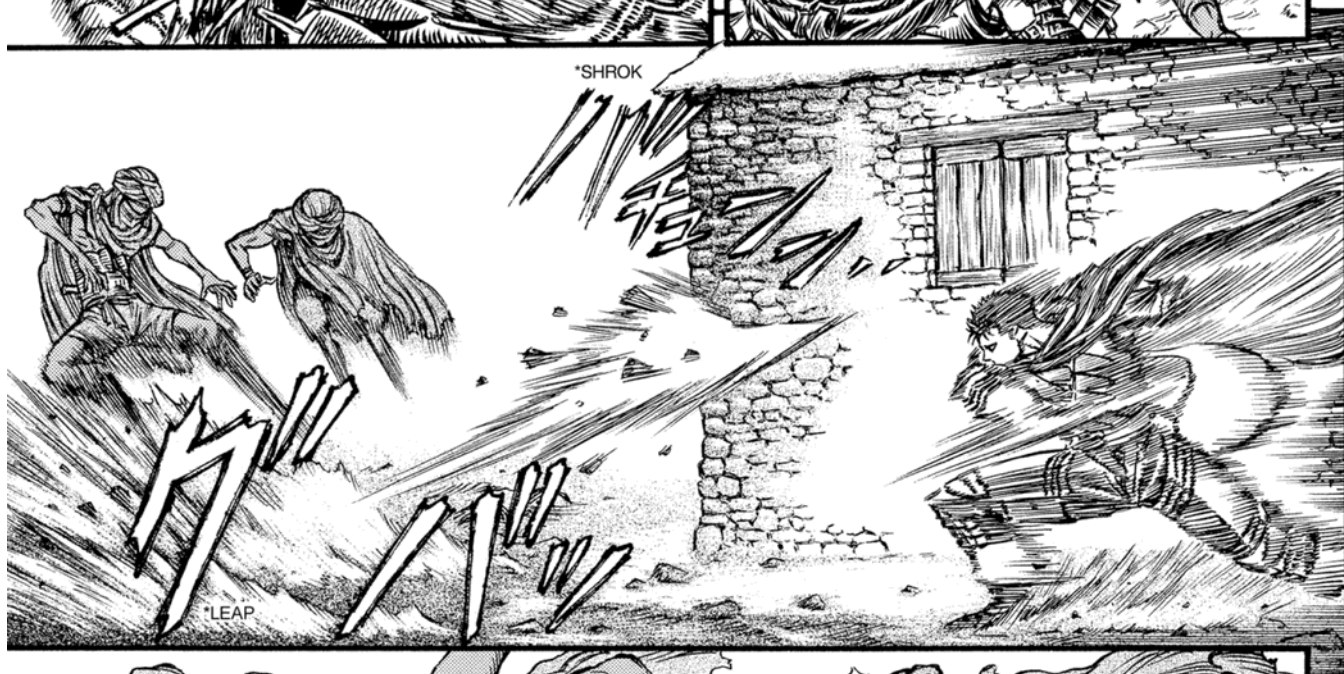
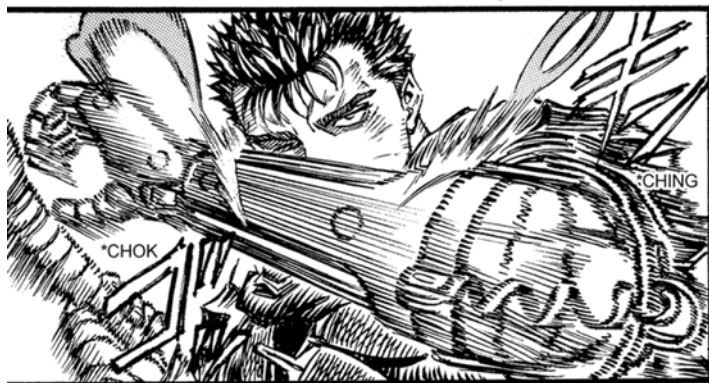
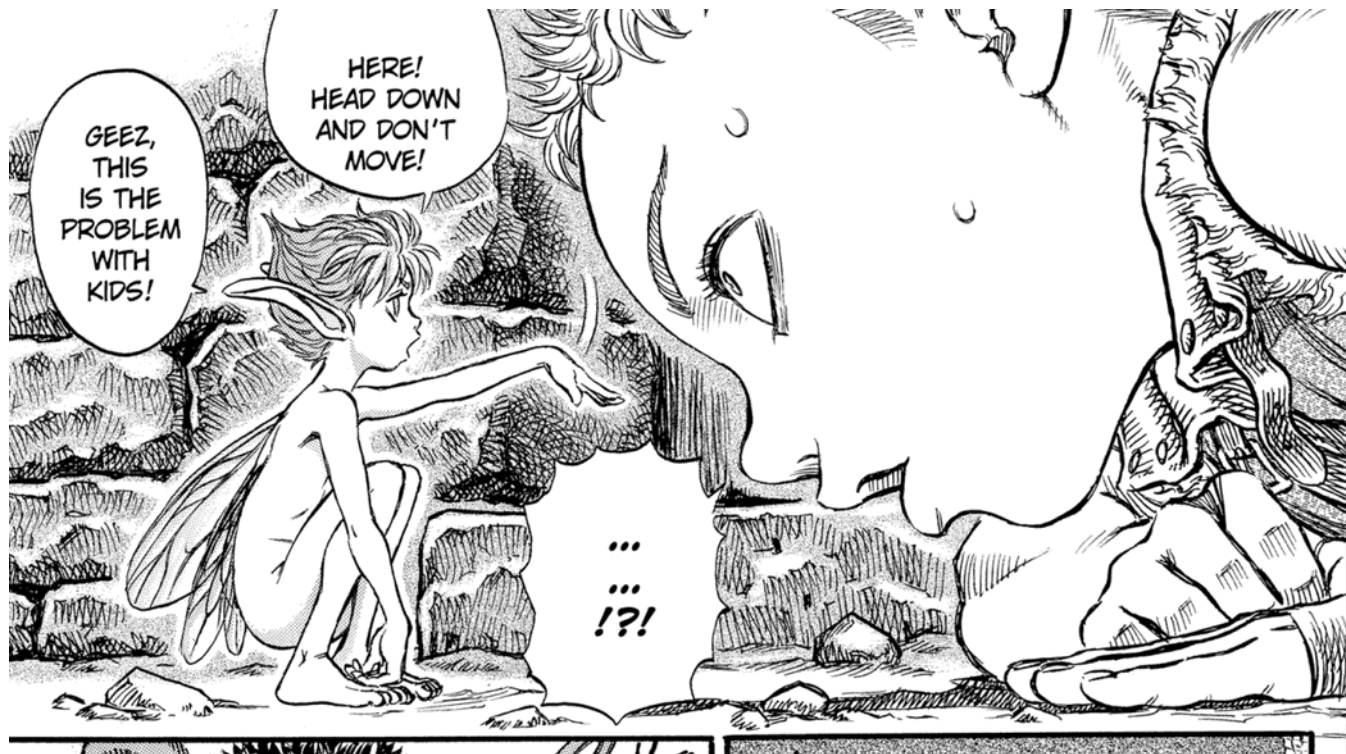
AN
IRON
FIST
...!!

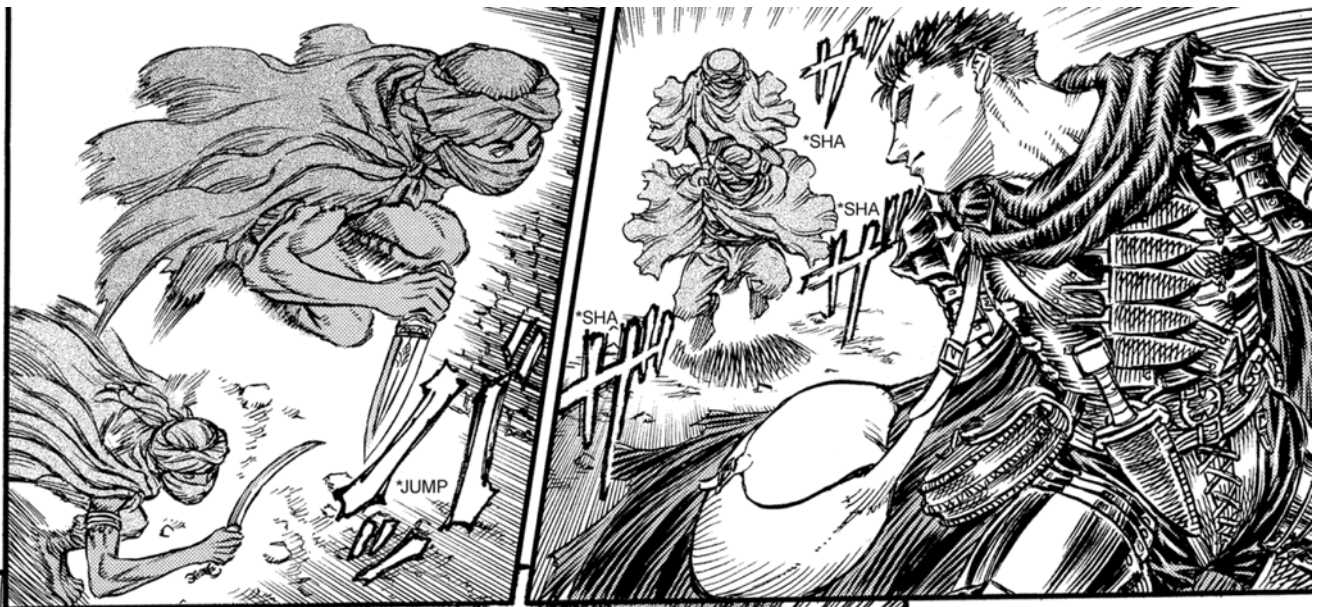


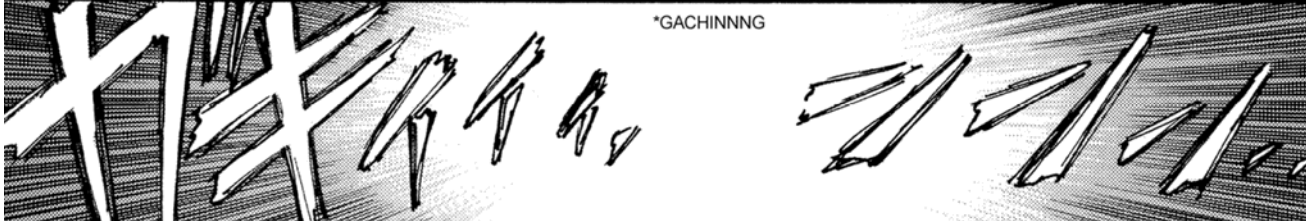
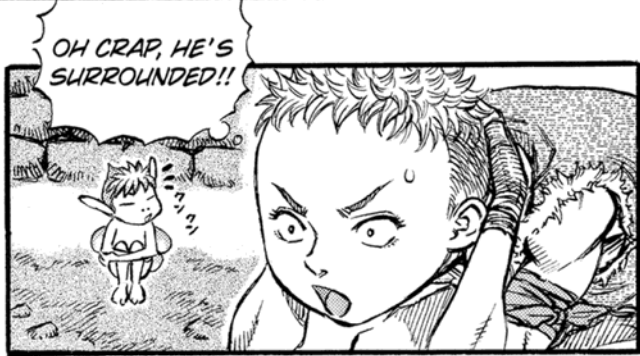
NO NEED
FOR TALK,
HUH?

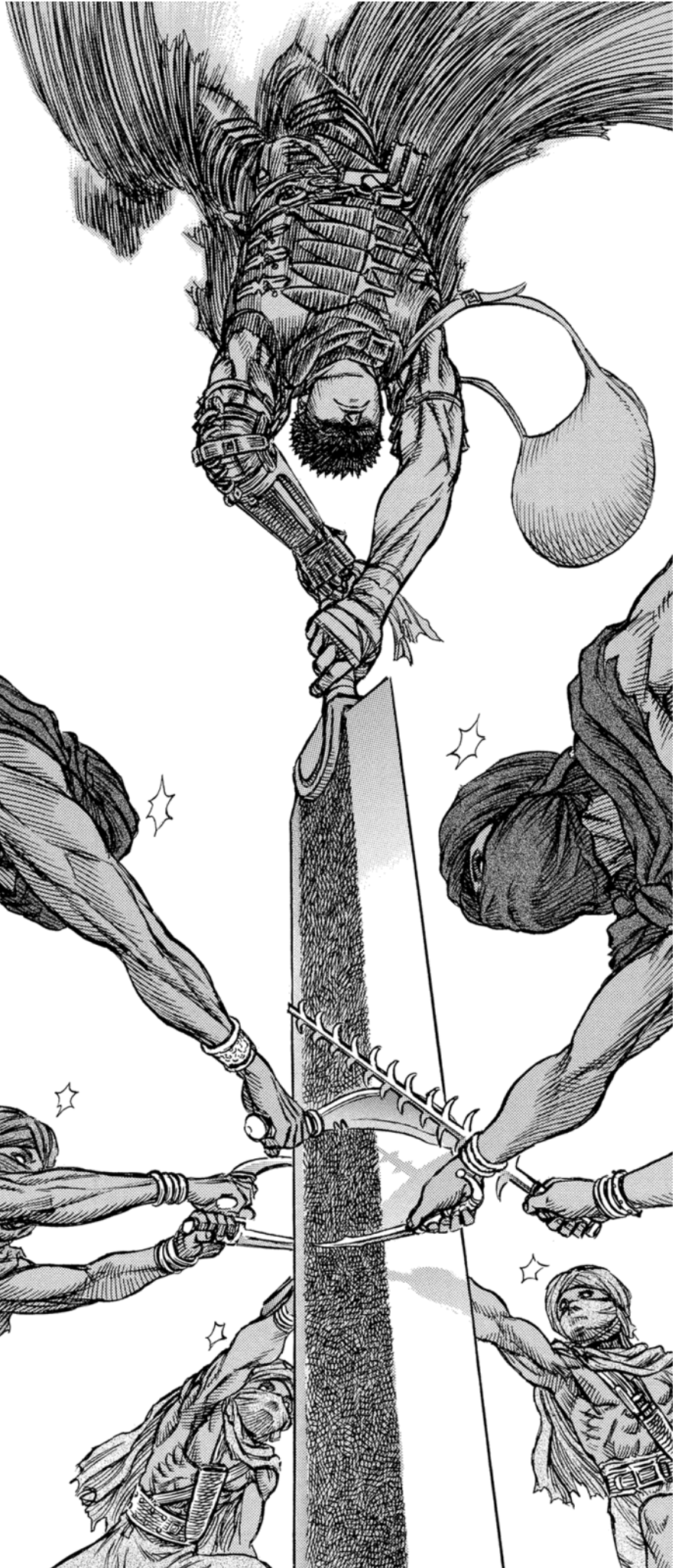


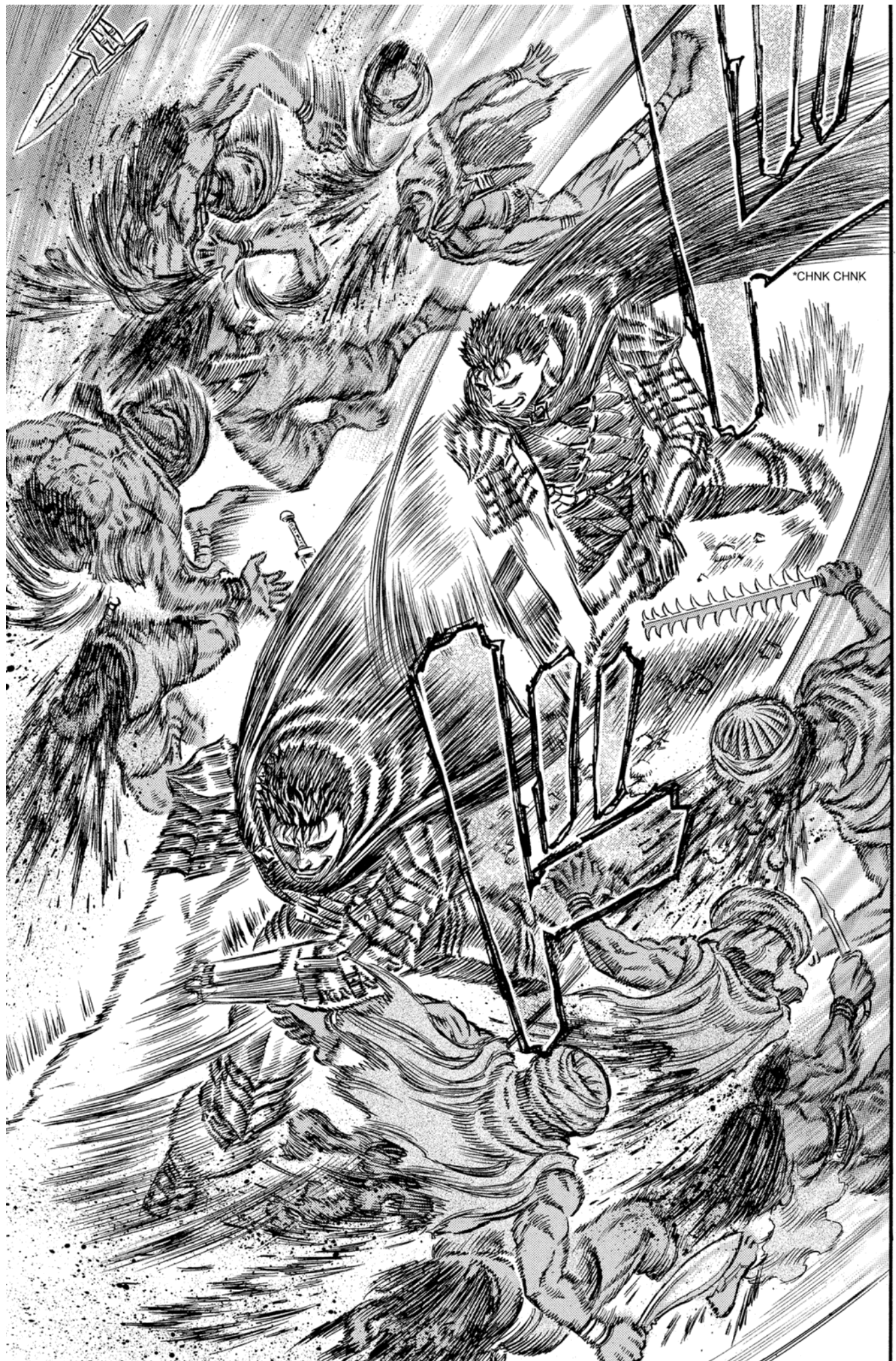
HEY,
PLUNK.

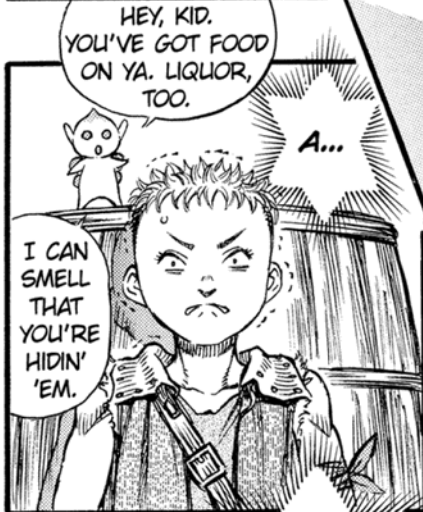


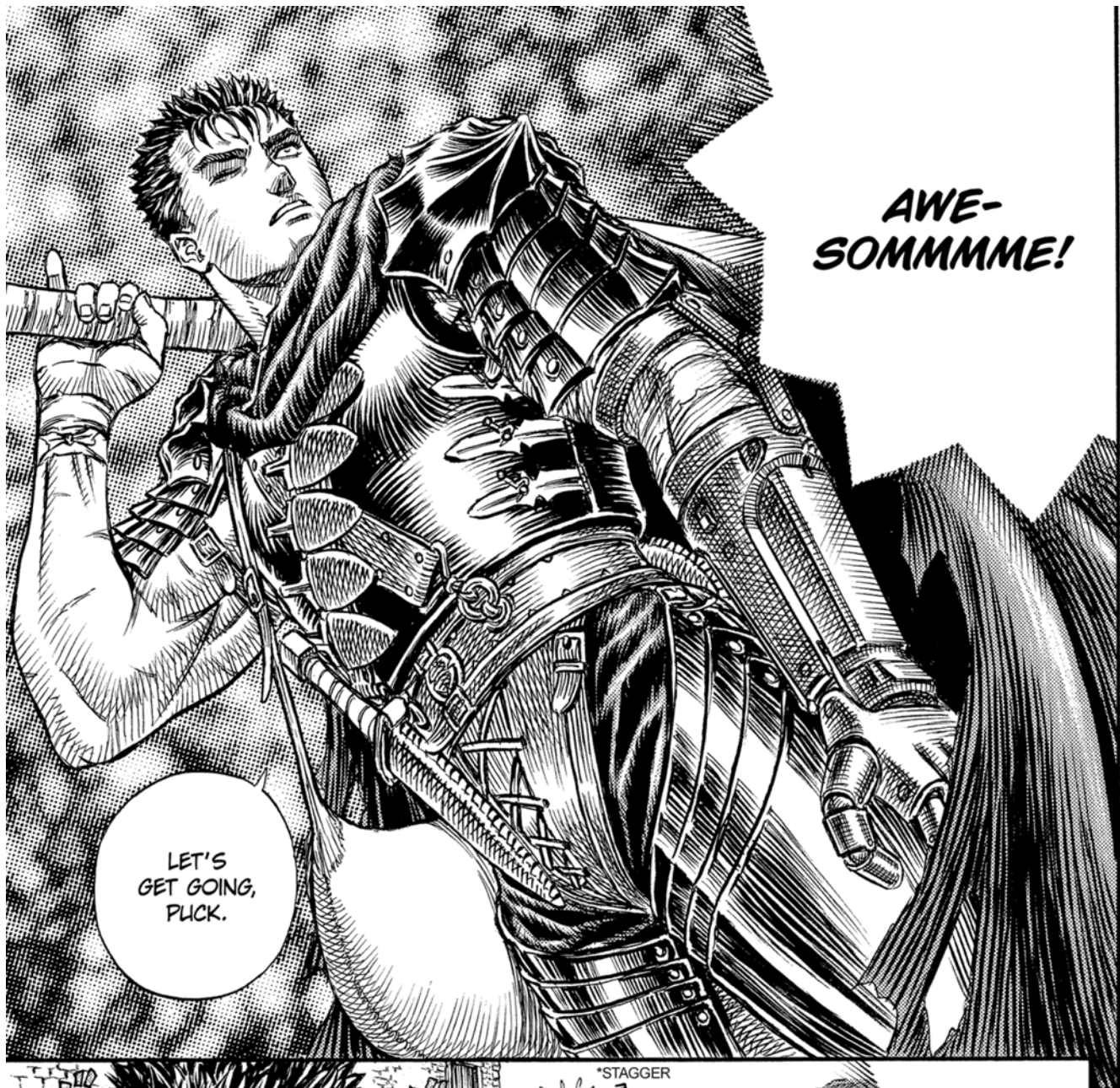












**AWE-
SOMMMME!**

LET'S
GET GOING,
PLUCK.



J-
JUST A
SEC...

**WHO IS
THAT?!**

*FX: GCHAK GCHAK

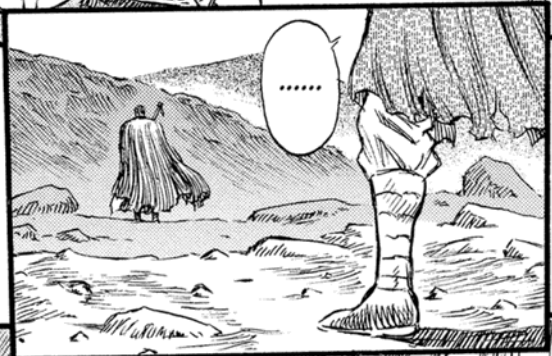
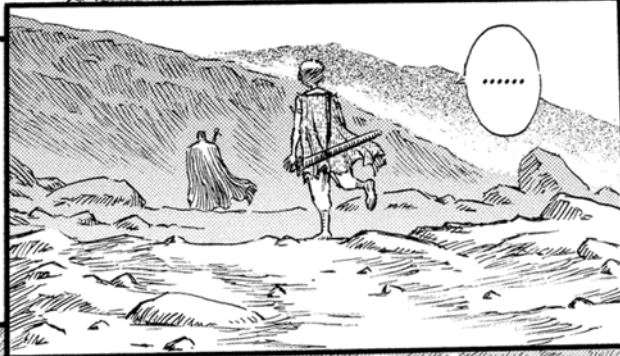
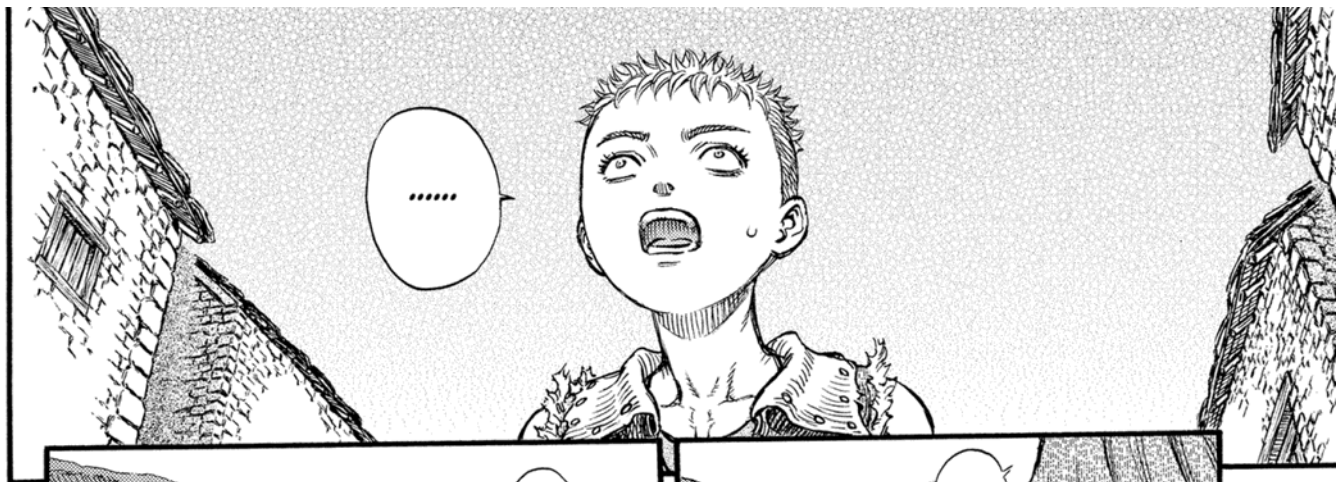


THIS
WORTHLESS
CRAP ATE
UP TIME.

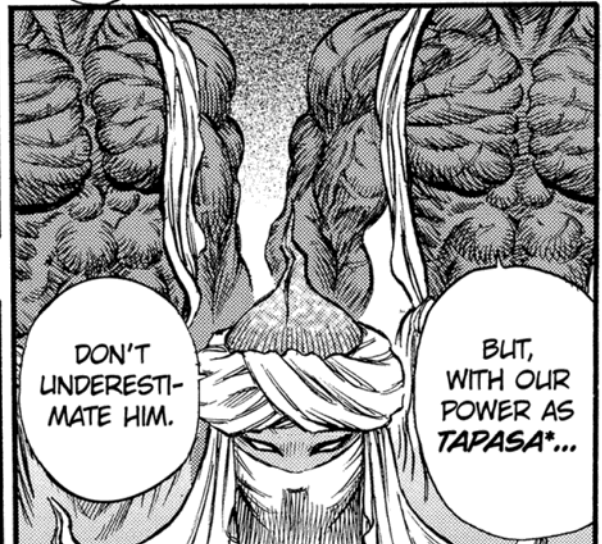
WHO
WERE
THOSE
GUYS?

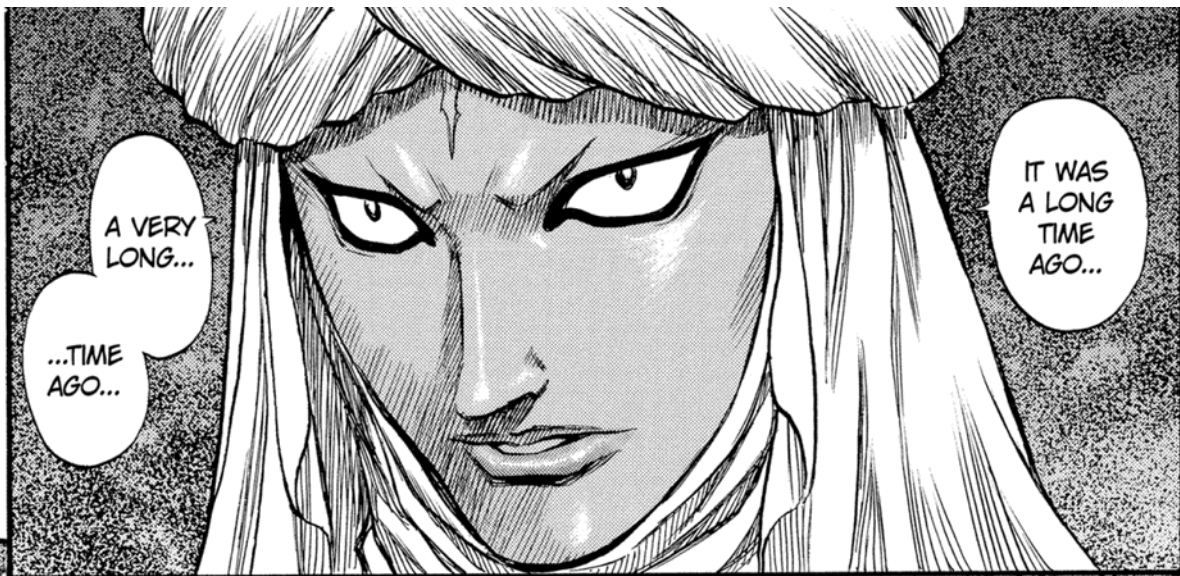
THEY
LOOKED
LIKE PEOPLE
I'VE SEEN
BEFORE...

*TCH



*master of Tapas, a yogic practice that releases kundalini energy, which can be used to force boons from the gods





A VERY
LONG...

...TIME
AGO...

IT WAS
A LONG
TIME
AGO...



SEARCH
FOR THE
LAND OF
ORACLE.

REGARDLESS,
THERE IS BUT
ONE THING
WE MUST
DO NOW.





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KUSHAN SCOUTS (2): END

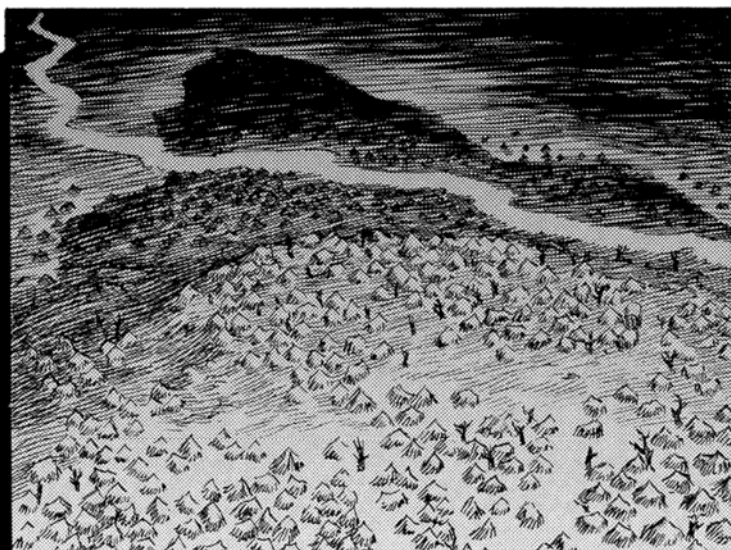
GOHHH OHHH

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CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY, CHAPTER
TOWER OF SHADOW, PART 1

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*FX: FLAPA FLAPA

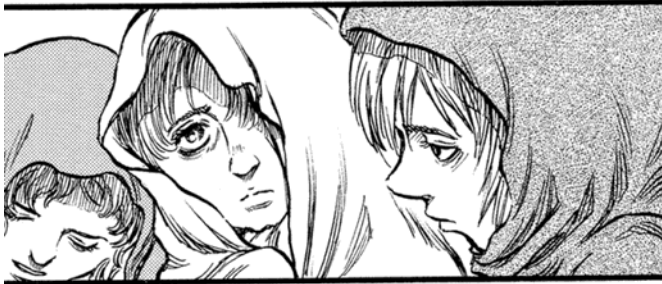
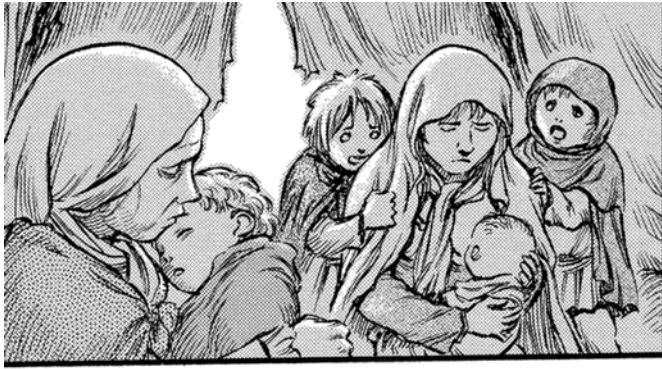


*FX: BYEWWWWW











*FX: CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP CLOP

*FX: SHUFFLE

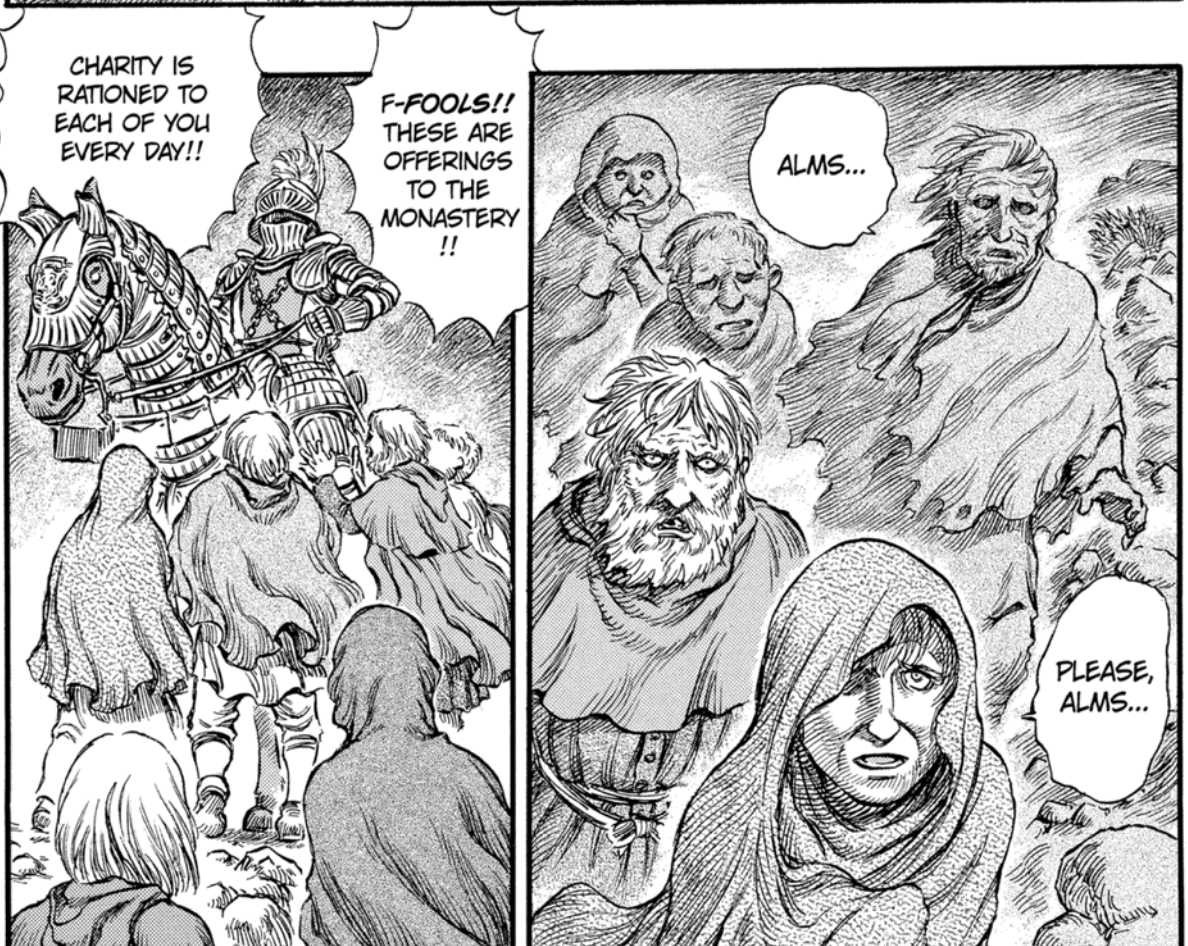


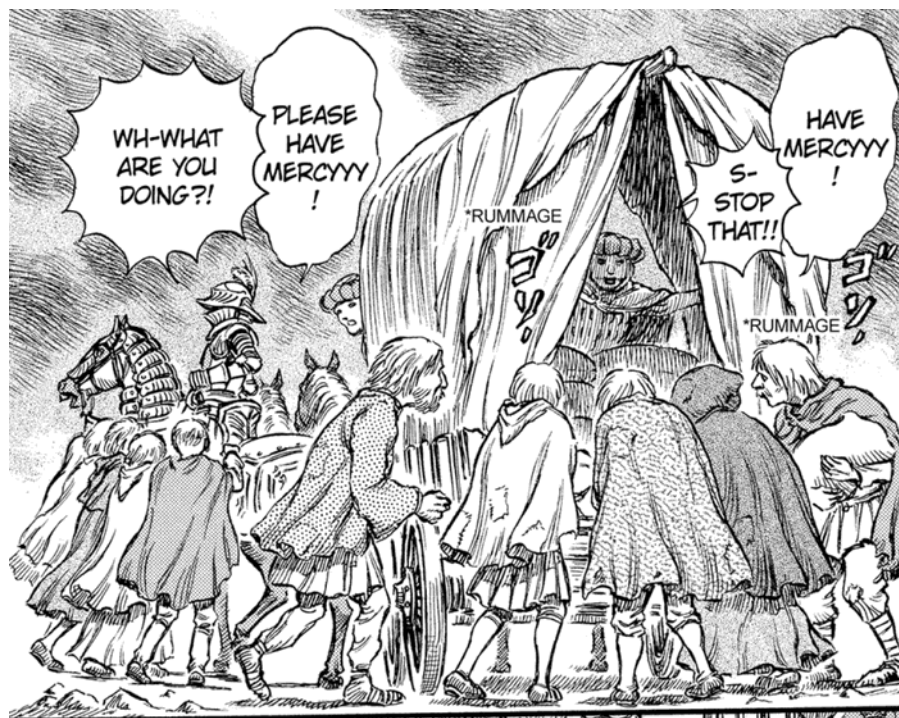
CHARITY IS
RATIONED TO
EACH OF YOU
EVERY DAY!!

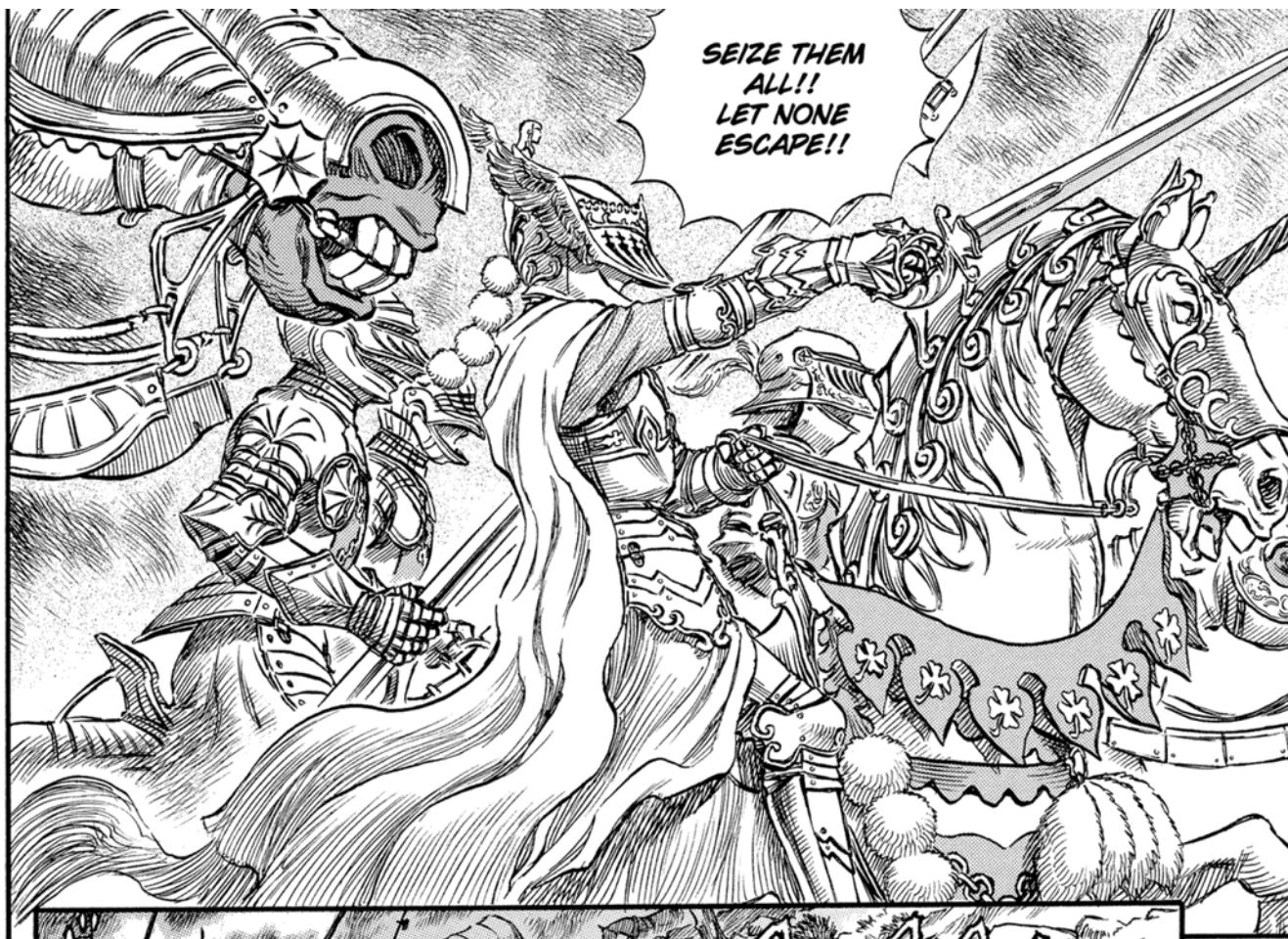
F-FOOLS!!
THESE ARE
OFFERINGS
TO THE
MONASTERY
!!

ALMS...

PLEASE,
ALMS...







SEIZE THEM
ALL!!
LET NONE
ESCAPE!!

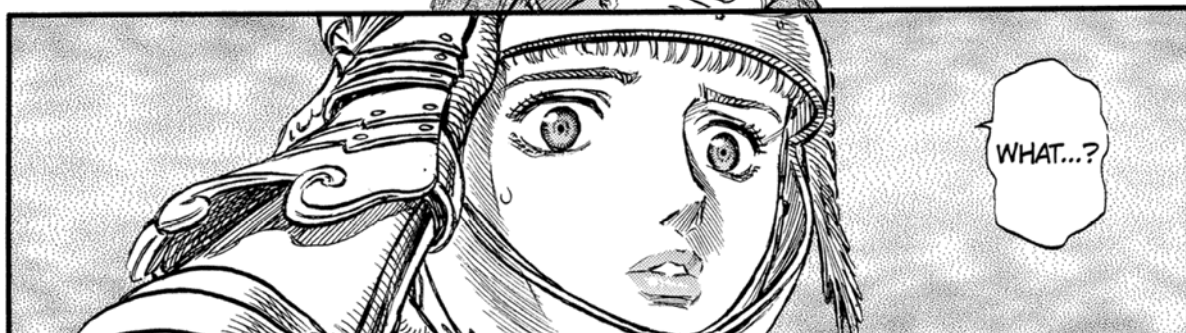
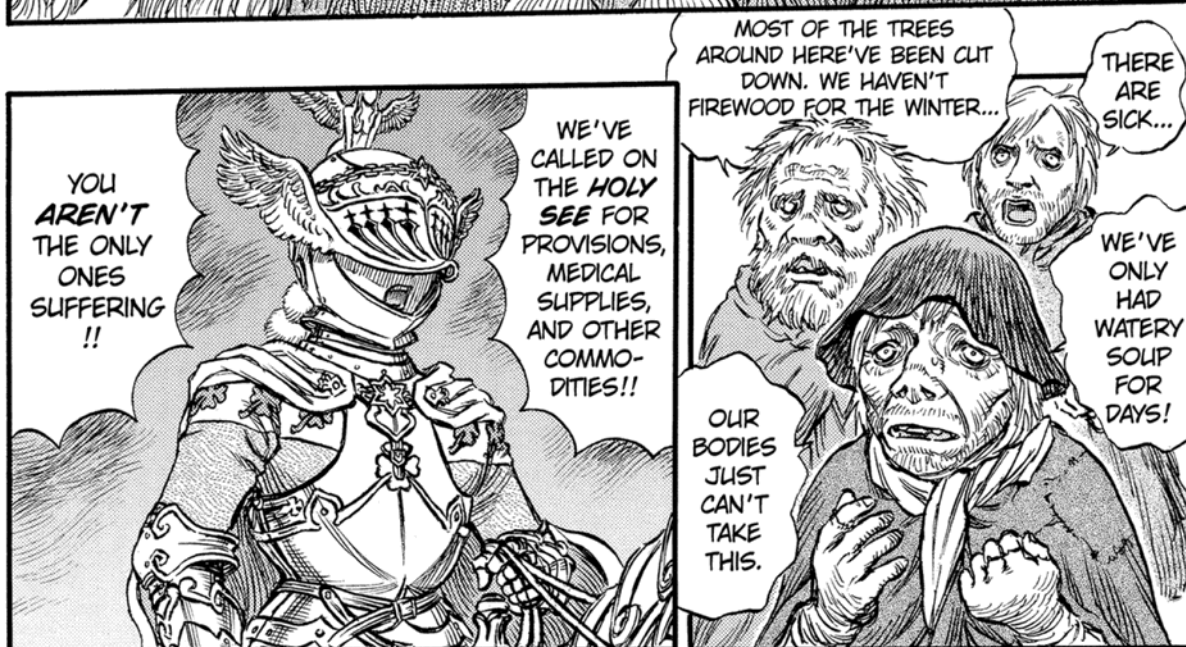
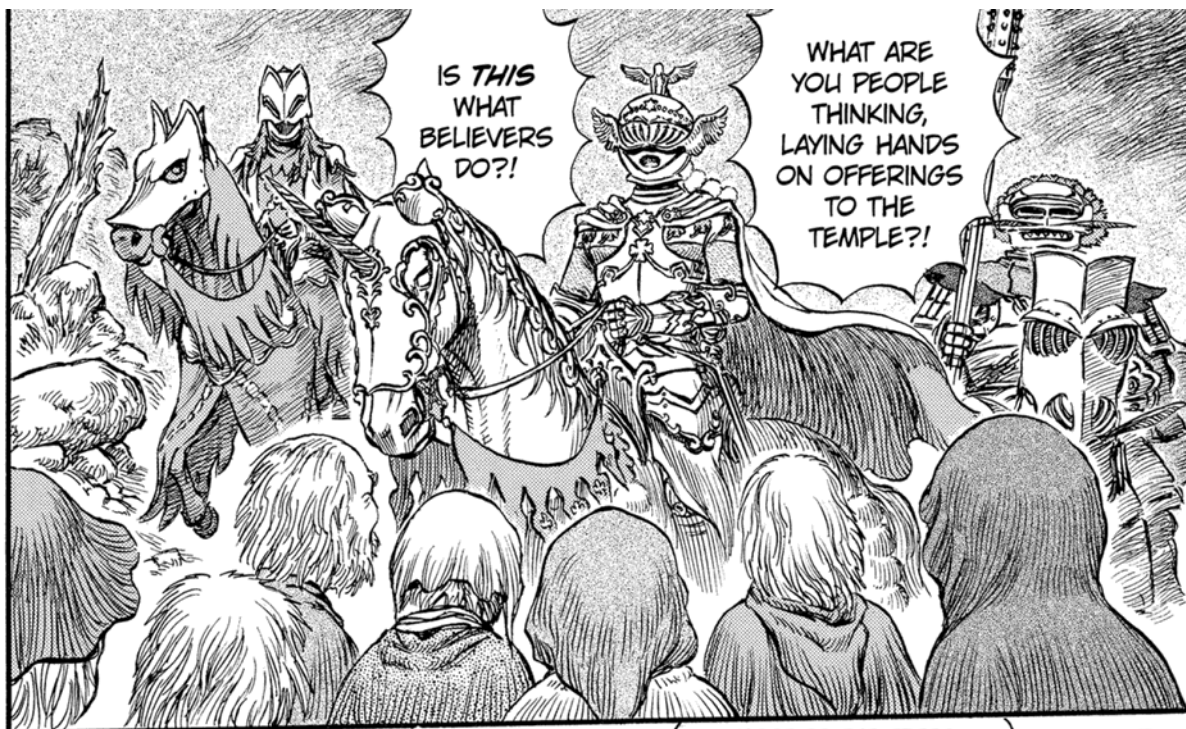


*FX: BDA DUMP BDA DUMP

*FX: WAHHHHH

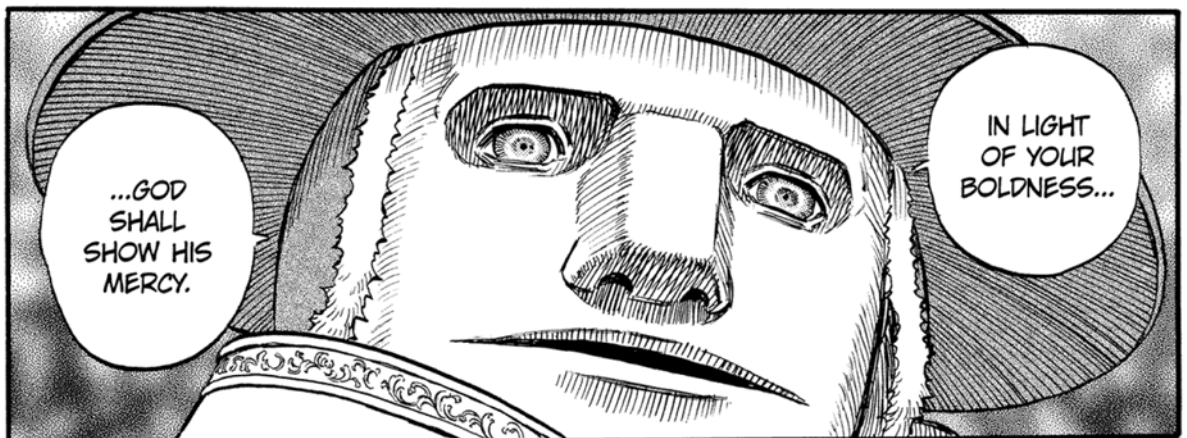
THIS IS
ALL OF
THEM.

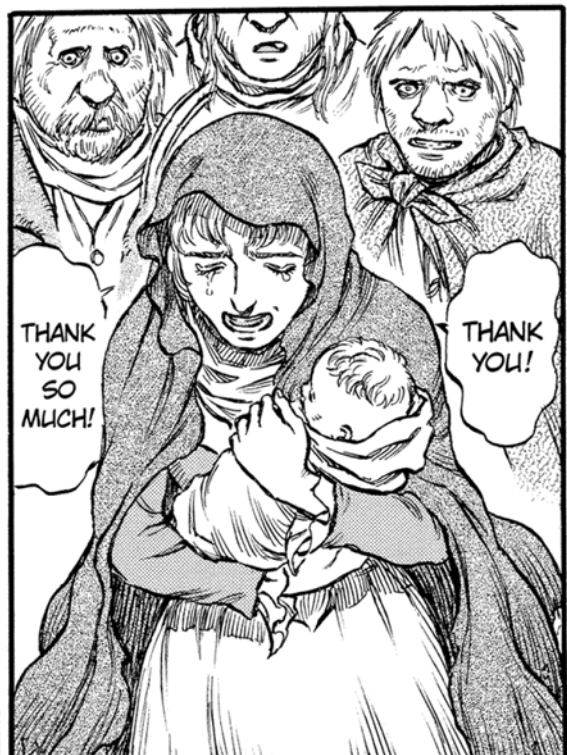
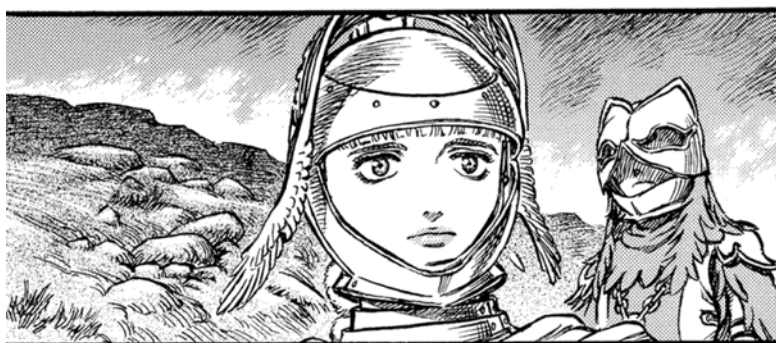


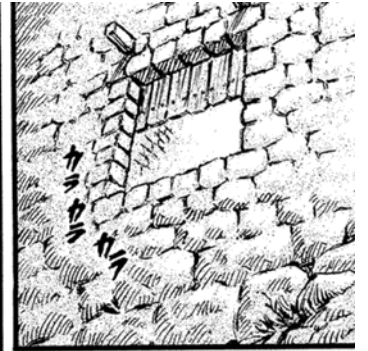




*FX: CLOP CLOP

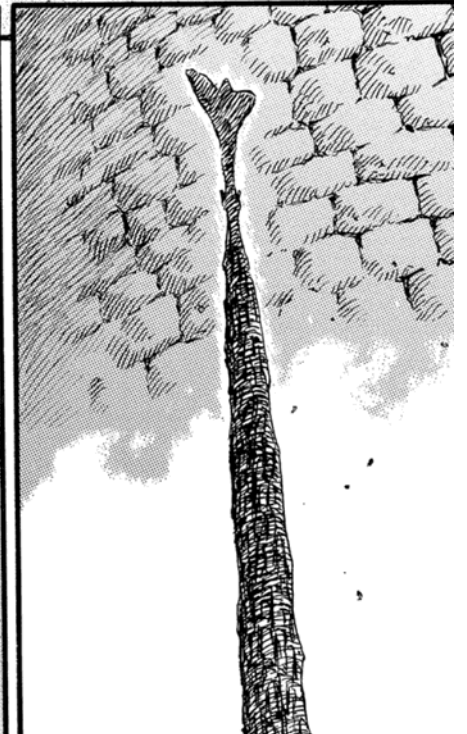
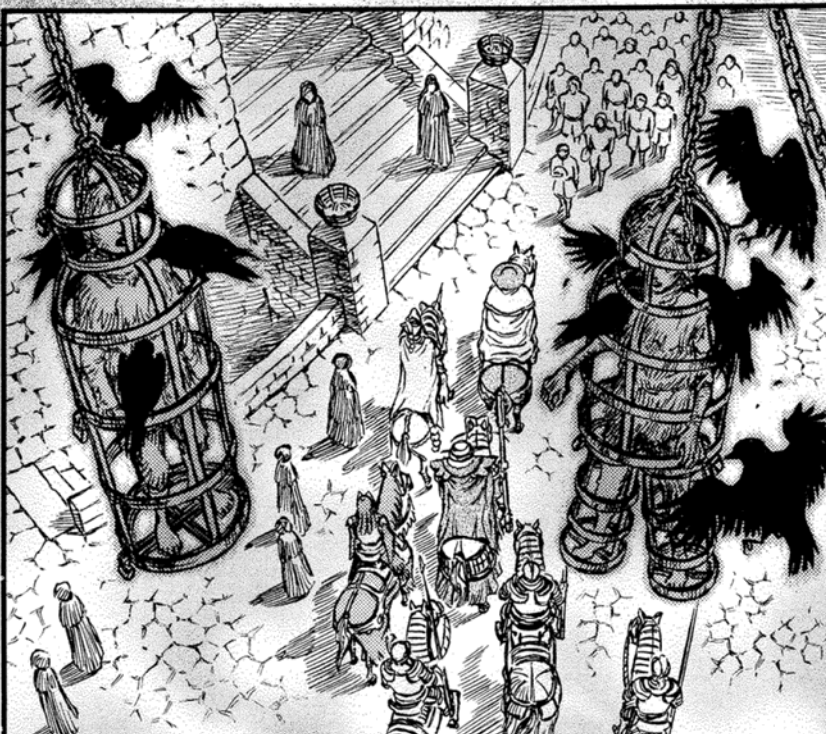


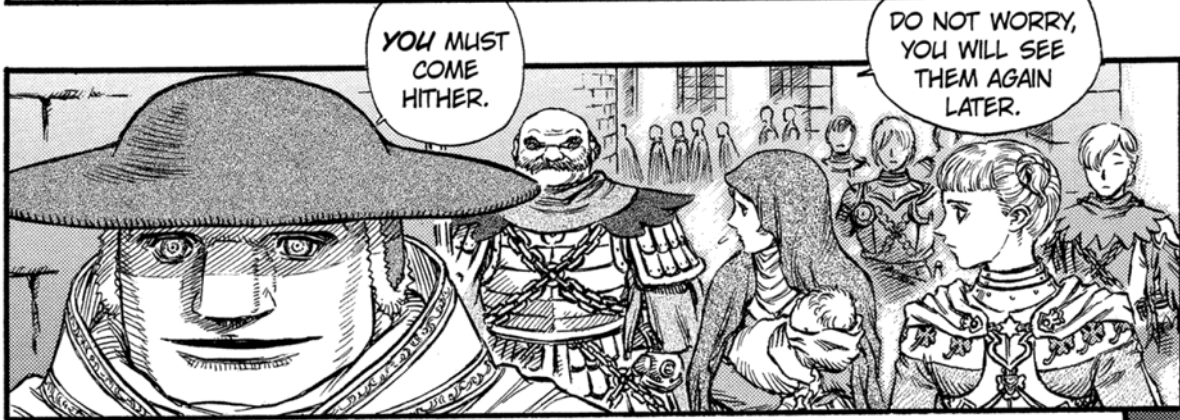
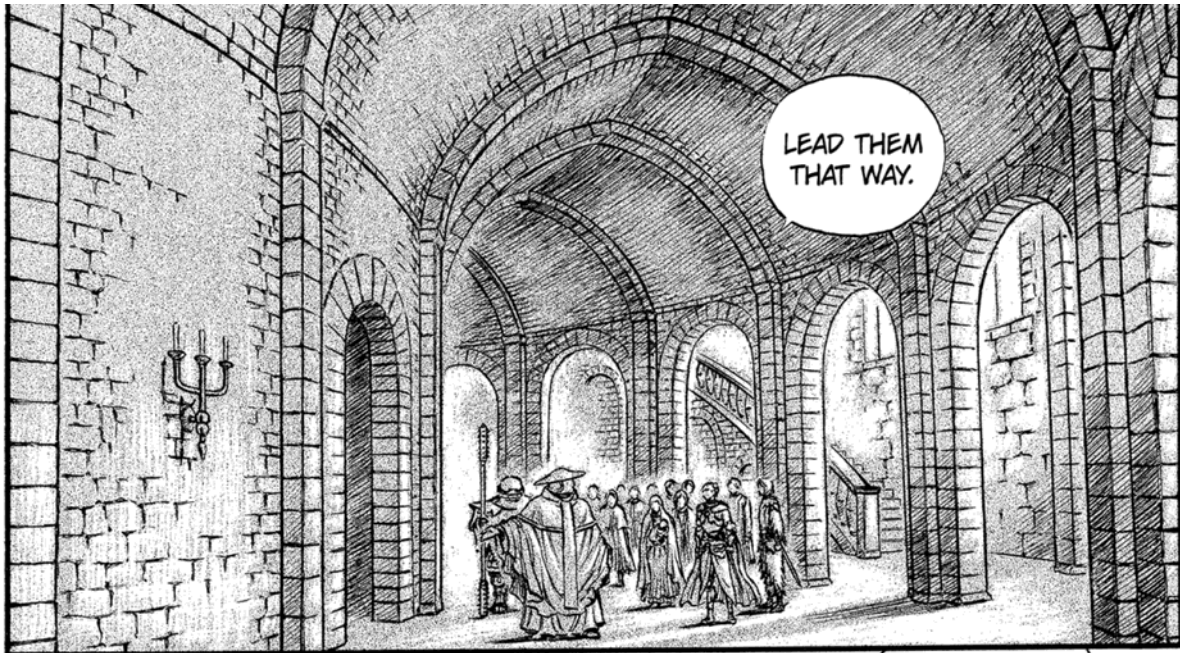


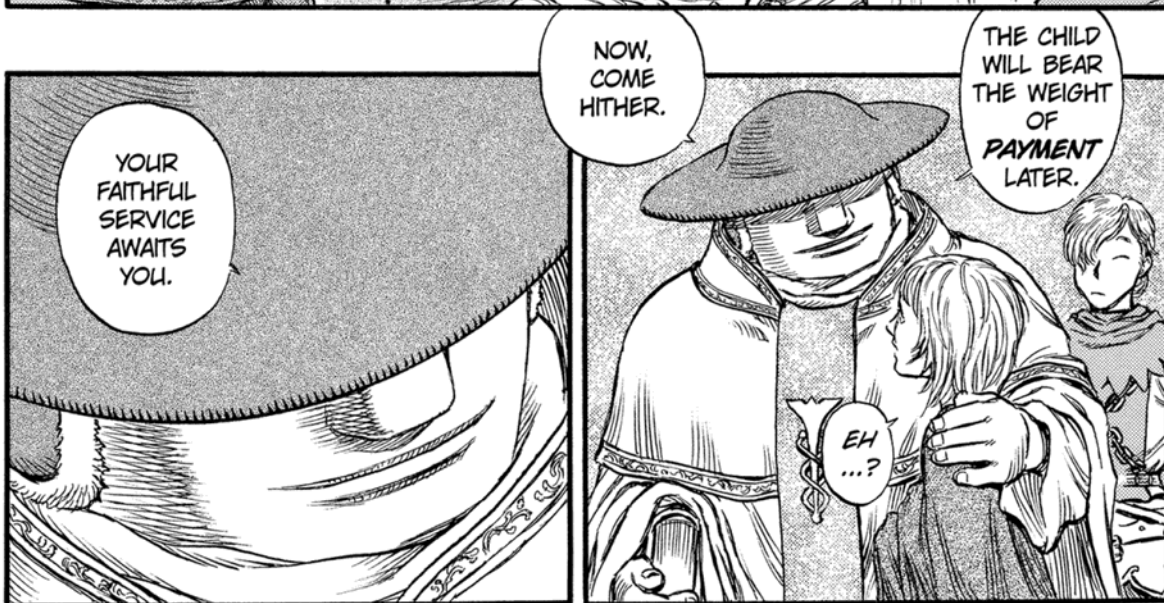
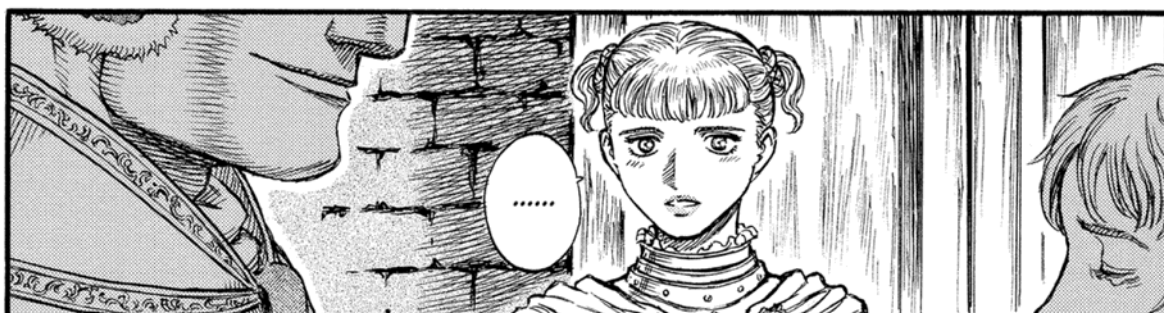
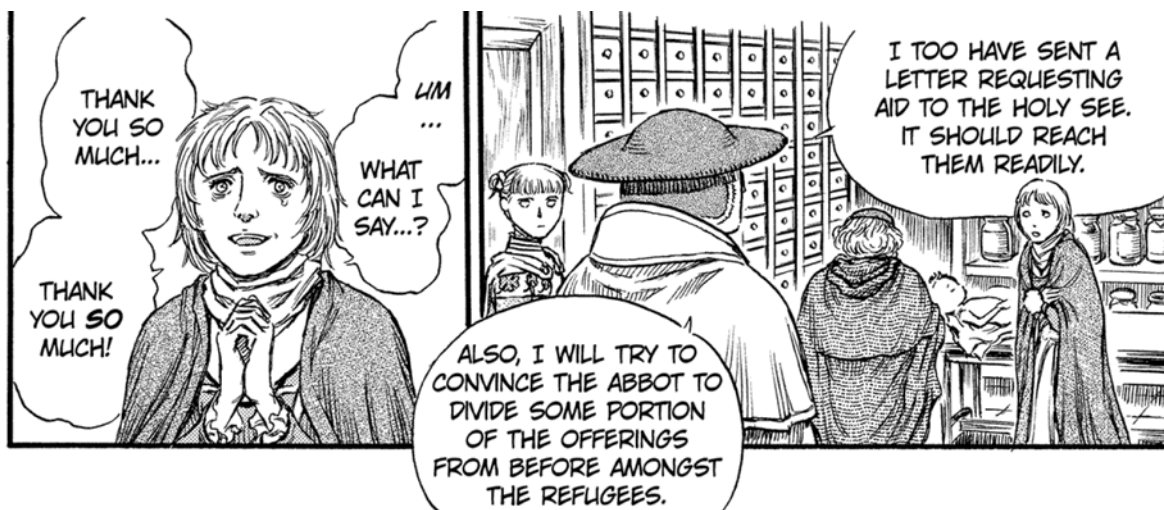


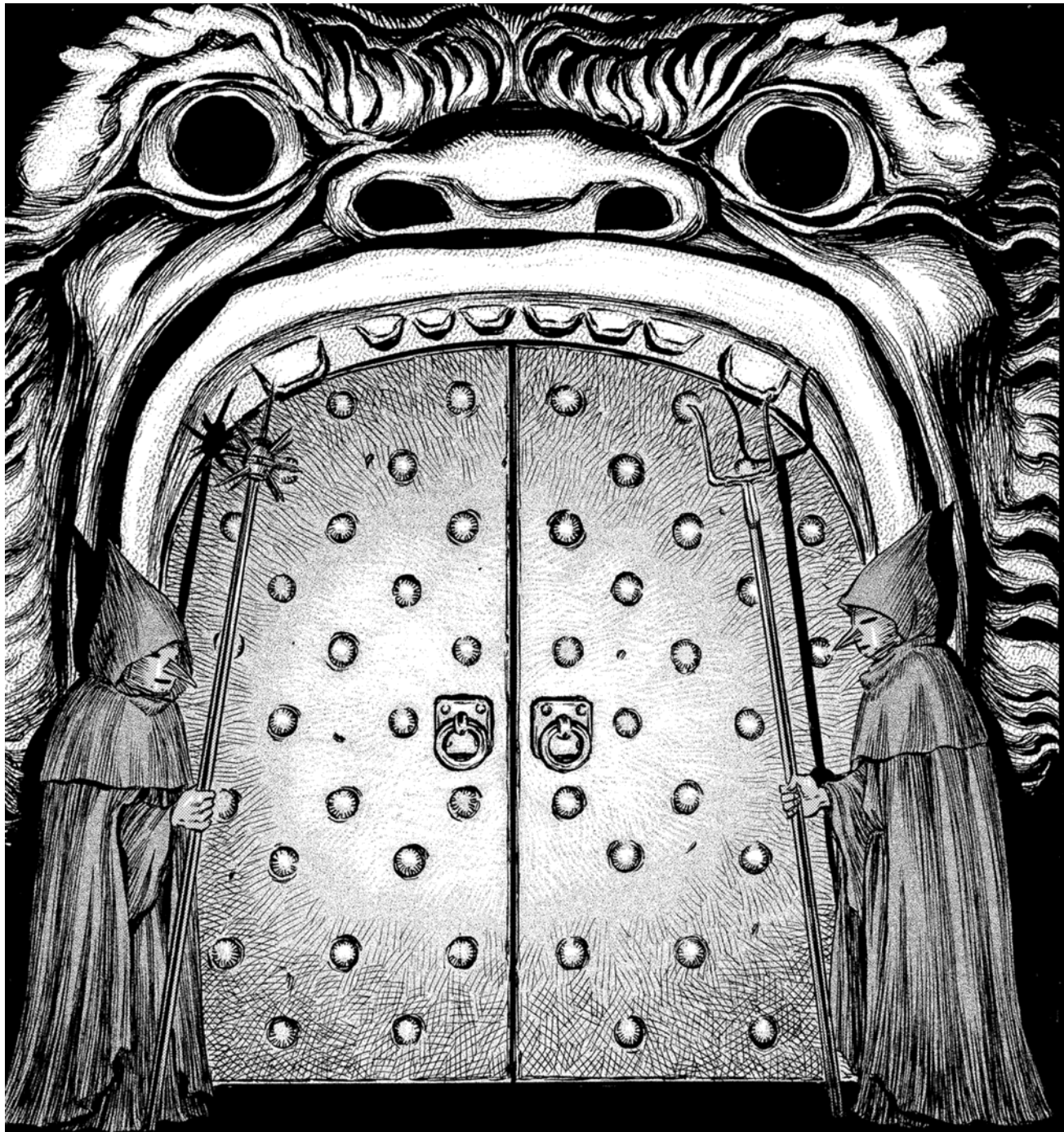
*FX: CLAK CLAK CLAK

*FX: SCATTER

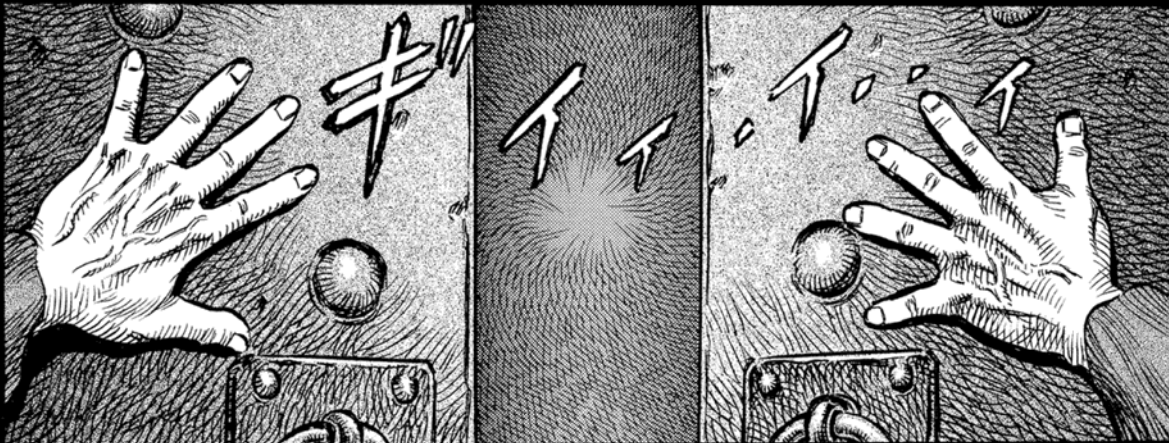




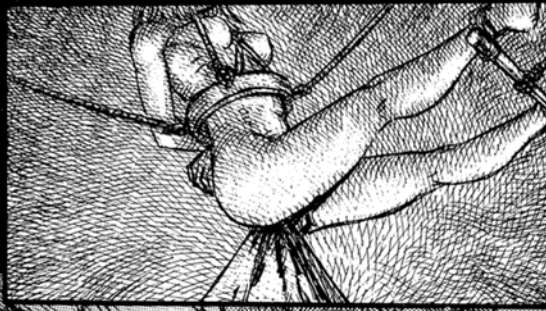
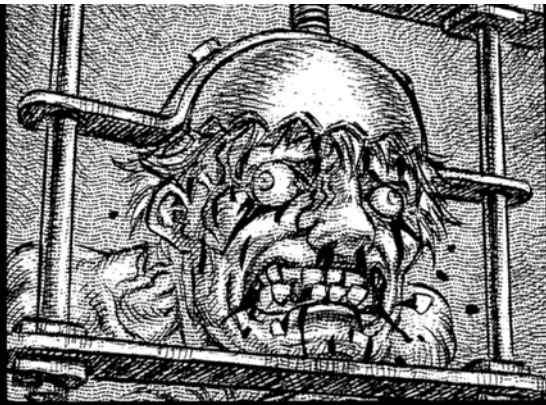




*FX: GREEEEE







THIS IS THE
FIRST YOU
HAVE SET
FOOT IN
THIS ROOM
I BELIEVE,
**MISS
FARNESE.**

*FX: GYAHHH HYEEEE GHEEEE NGAHHH AGGHHH AHAHH

THE GARDEN OF
THIS HOLY HOUSE
WHERE GOD'S WILL
IS STUDIED... IT IS
DEPLORABLE.

THIEVES,
RAPISTS,
MURDERERS...

THE ENVIRONS
OF THIS **ALBION
MONASTERY**
COMPRISE NOW A
DEN OF SINNERS.

...
HERETICS.

AND
ABOVE
ALL...

HIS MERCILESSLY
FLAYED SKIN AND
ROBES WERE HUNG
UPON THE BOUGH
OF A TREE.

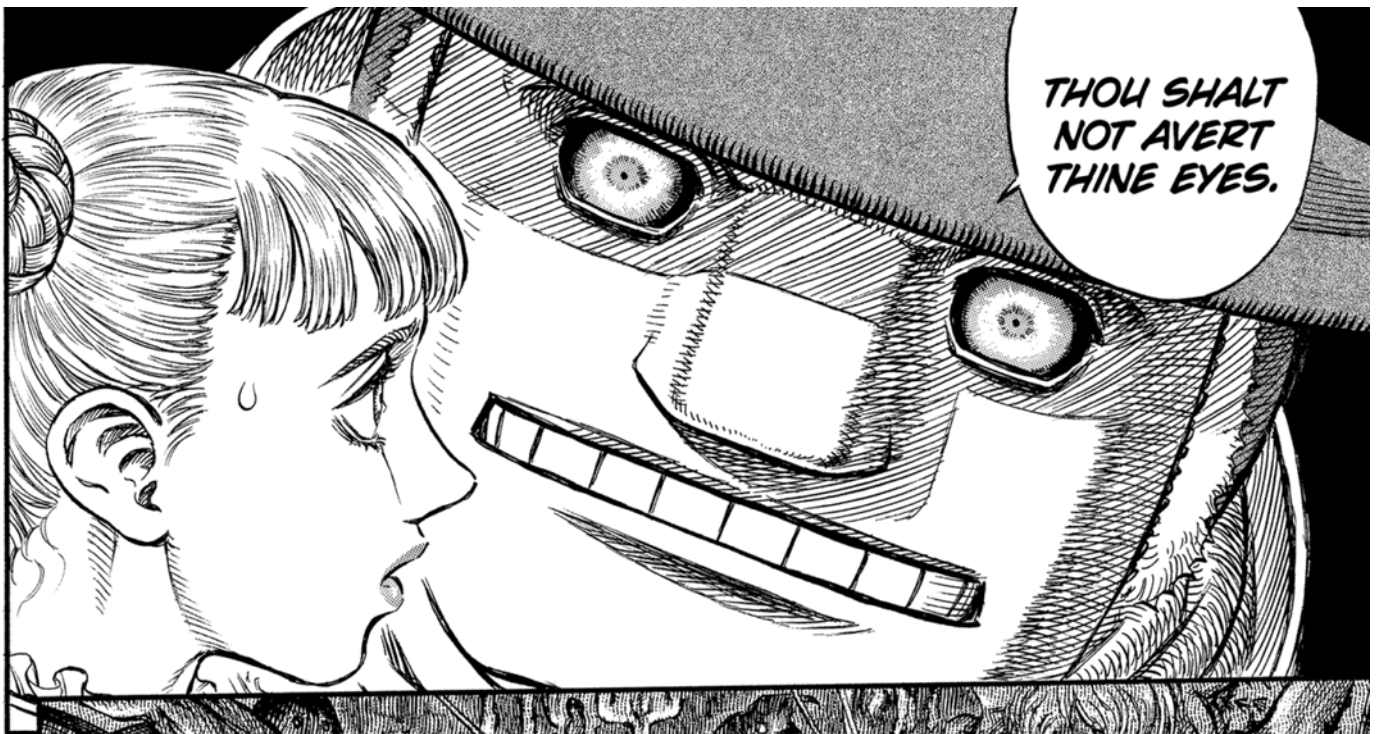
RECENTLY,
ANOTHER MONK
WAS MURDERED
IN THE REFUGEE
SLUM.

...WE WERE
ABLE TO CAPTURE
MANY SUSPICIOUS
INDIVIDUALS.
UPON INQUISITION,
MORE AND MORE
OF THEM ARE
CONFESSING TO
BEING HERETICS.

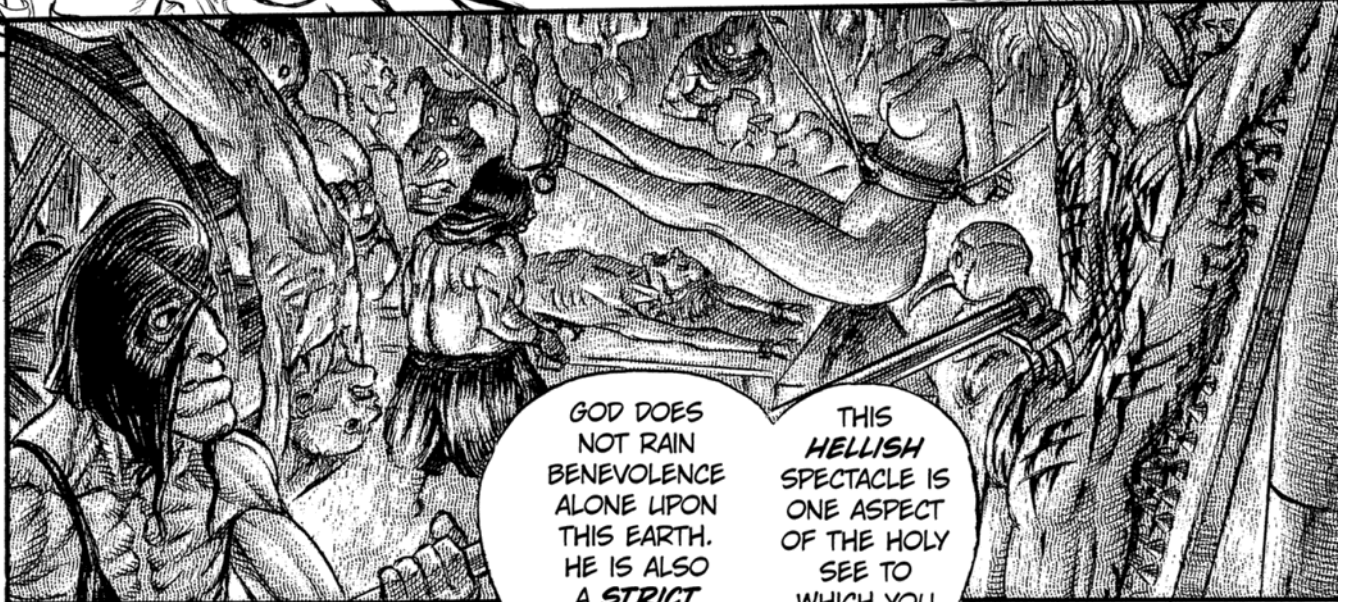
THANKS TO
INFORMATION
SUPPLIED BY
ZEALOUS
BELIEVERS AND
THE DEVOTED
WORK OF
THE HOLY IRON
CHAIN
KNIGHTS...

AND MANY
AMONG THOSE
HAVE BECOME
CONVERTS.
HOW **TRULY**
DELIGHTFUL.

*FX: AIIIEEE

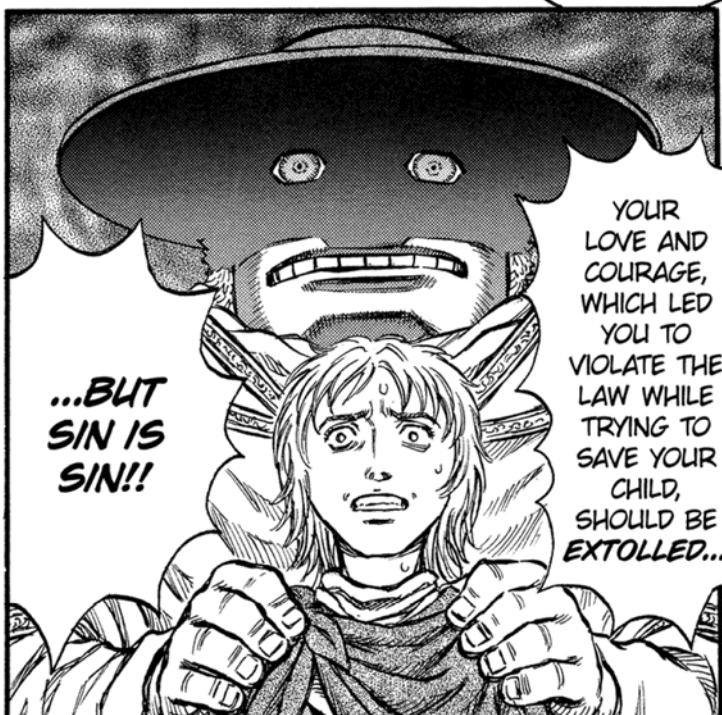


THOU SHALT
NOT AVERT
THINE EYES.



GOD DOES
NOT RAIN
BENEVOLENCE
ALONE UPON
THIS EARTH.
HE IS ALSO
A **STRICT**
ARBITER.

THIS
HELLISH
SPECTACLE IS
ONE ASPECT
OF THE HOLY
SEE TO
WHICH YOU
BELONG.



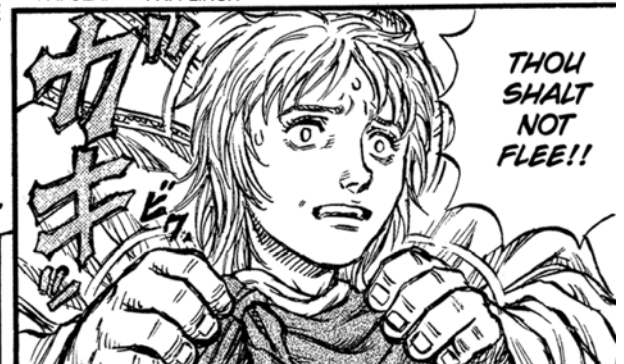
...BUT
SIN IS
SIN!!

YOUR
LOVE AND
COURAGE,
WHICH LED
YOU TO
VIOLATE THE
LAW WHILE
TRYING TO
SAVE YOUR
CHILD,
SHOULD BE
EXTOLLED...



IGH...

*FX: CLAP *FX: FLINCH



THOU
SHALT
NOT
FLEE!!

*SOB

I DO
SO WANT
YOU TO
OVERCOME
THIS TRIAL
PROVIDED
BY GOD!!

YOU
POSSESS
SUCH
COURAGE
!!



*FX: JSSHHH

*FX: GYAHHH



BEHOLD!!
SEE HOW YOUR
BRETHREN
HAVE WAITED
ANXIOUSLY
FOR YOU!!

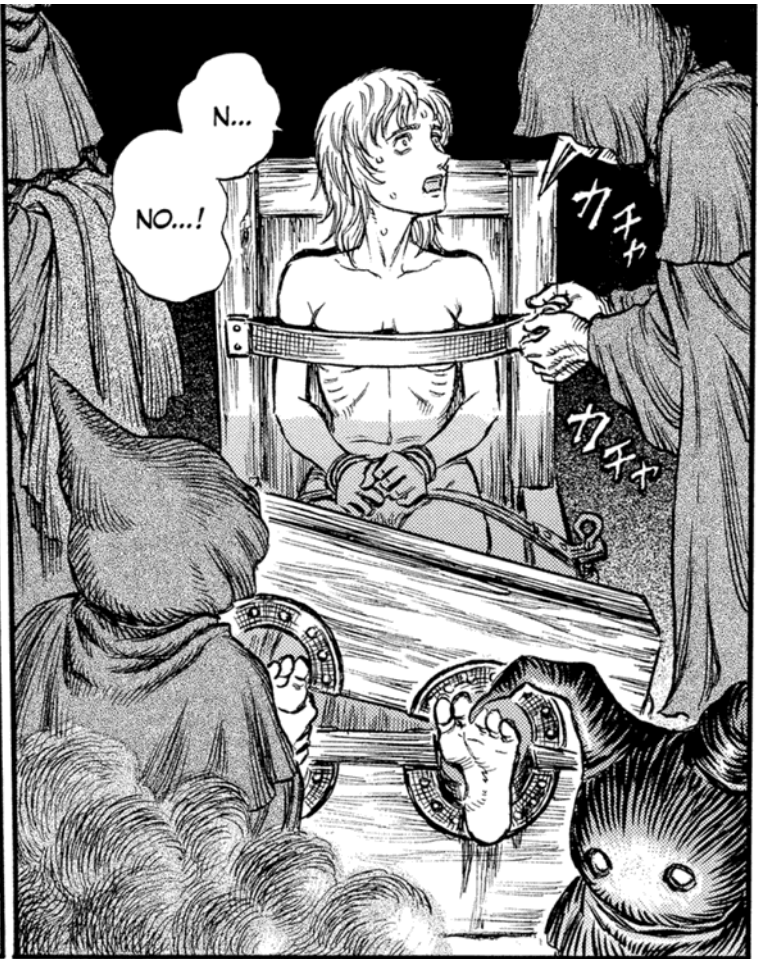


ENTRUST
ALL INTO
THE LORD'S
HANDS!!

THOU
SHALT
NOT
FEAR!!!



*FX: SSSSS



*FX: KCHAK KCHAK



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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
TOWER OF SHADOW (1): END

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*CAWWWW

*CAWWWW

*CAWWWW

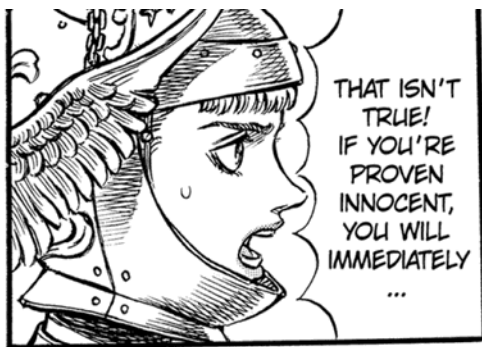
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THERE WAS EYEWITNESS
TESTIMONY OF THE
CRIME ITSELF!! WE WILL
INVESTIGATE THAT NEXT!!

I
AIN'T NO
HERETIC!

L-LEMME GO!
I AIN'T
KILLED NO
PRIESTS...!



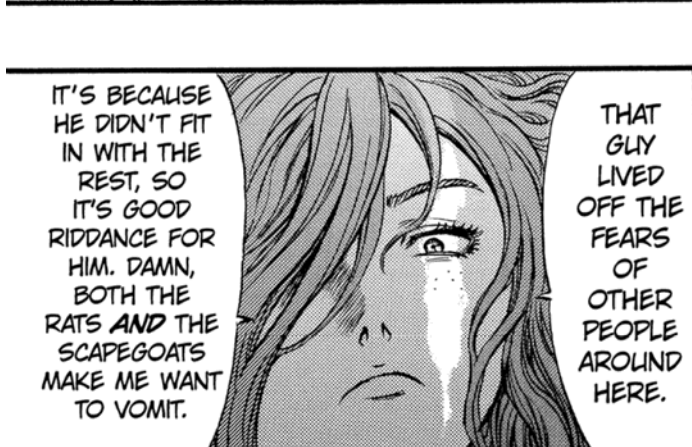
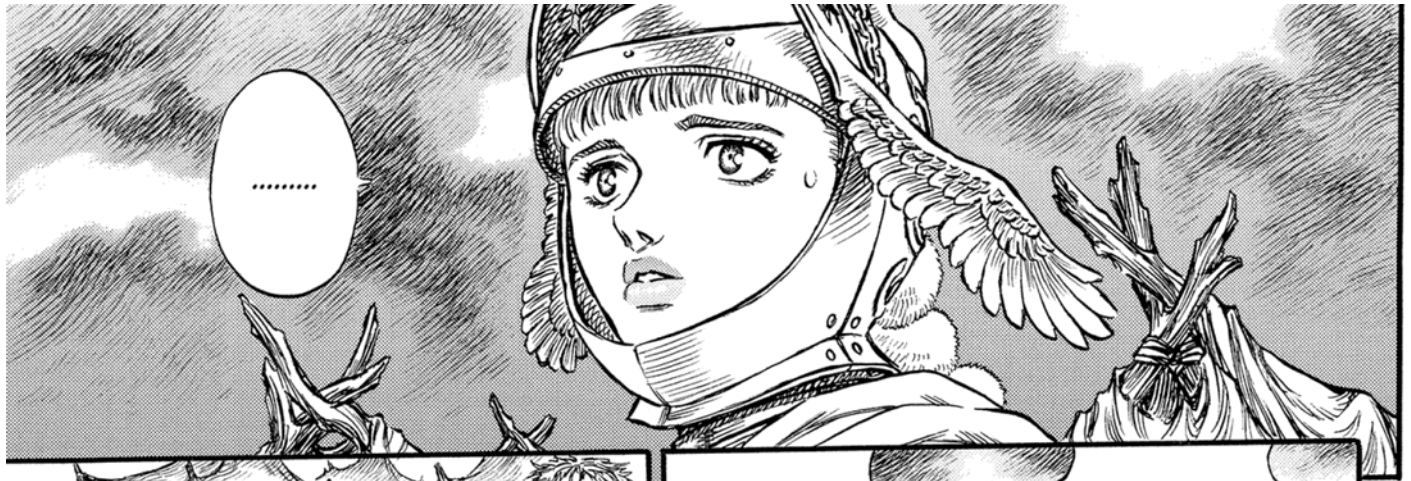


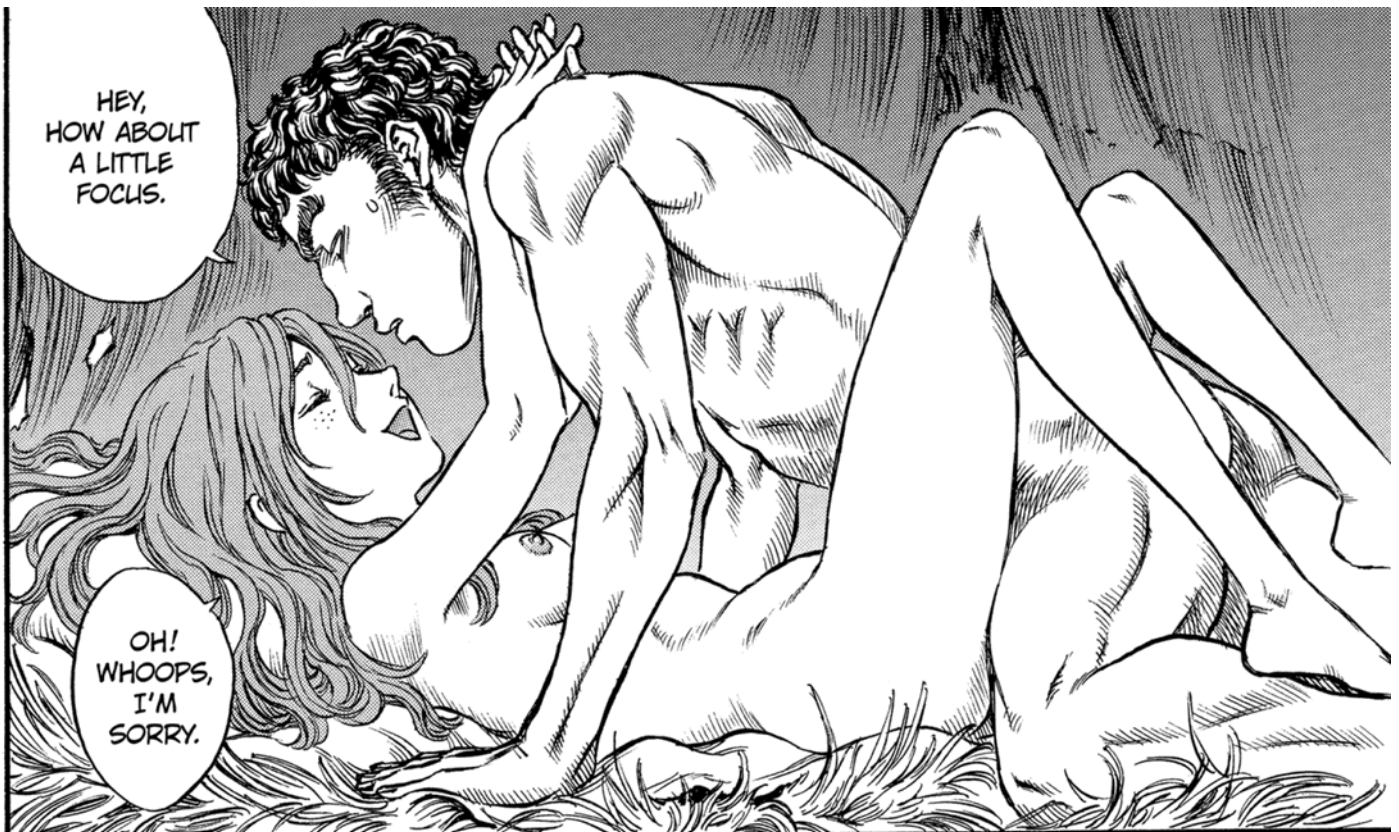
*FX: HA!



*FX: STAGGER







HEY,
HOW ABOUT
A LITTLE
FOCUS.

OH!
WHOOPS,
I'M
SORRY.

IT'S NOT THAT.
YOU'RE SPECIAL--
YOU COME HERE
THIS WAY
EVERY DAY.

GLAD I'M
NOT JUST
A JOB.

YOUR FELLOW
SOLDIERS
ARE HARD AT
WORK OUT
THERE...

...BUT
YOU'RE
HERE EVEN
BEFORE
SUNSET...

YOU
DON'T
LIKE IT
?

IS THIS
OKAY,
THOUGH?

"SHE'S NOT AS
SKILLED AS A
MAN, NOR DOES
SHE EXCEL IN
COMMAND."

"WELL, IT *IS*
TRADITION THAT
THE LEADER OF
THE HOLY IRON
CHAIN KNIGHTS
BE A WOMAN,
BUT IF SHE'S
ORNAMENTAL, I
WISH SHE'D TRY
HARDER TO *ACT*
LIKE IT."

"SHE OPENS
HER MOUTH
AND IT'S DUTY,
FAITH, OR
SOME CRAZY
ORDER..."

"...AND SHE
DOESN'T
GIVE US A
WORD OF
THANKS."

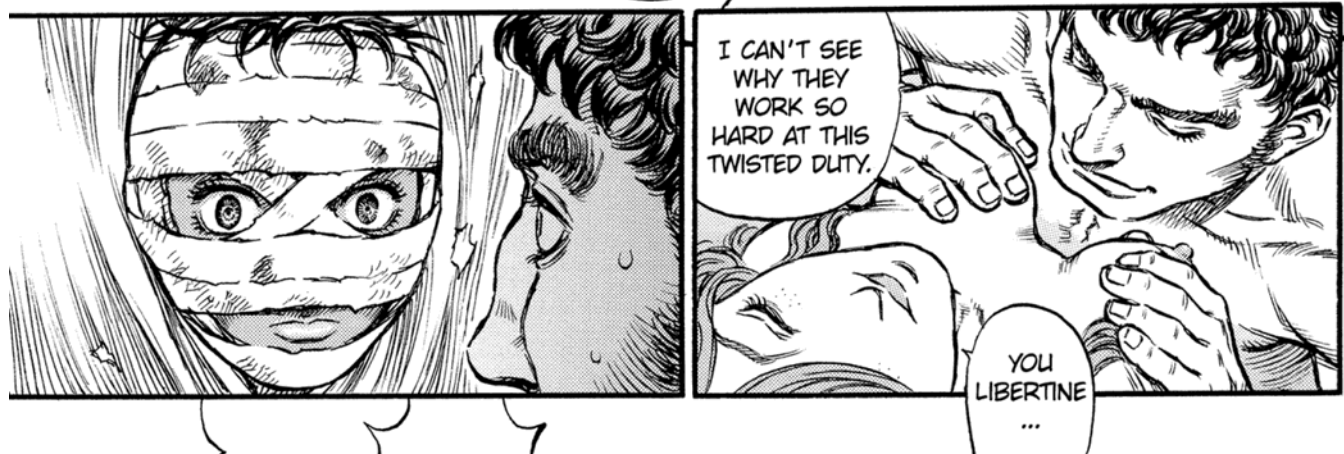
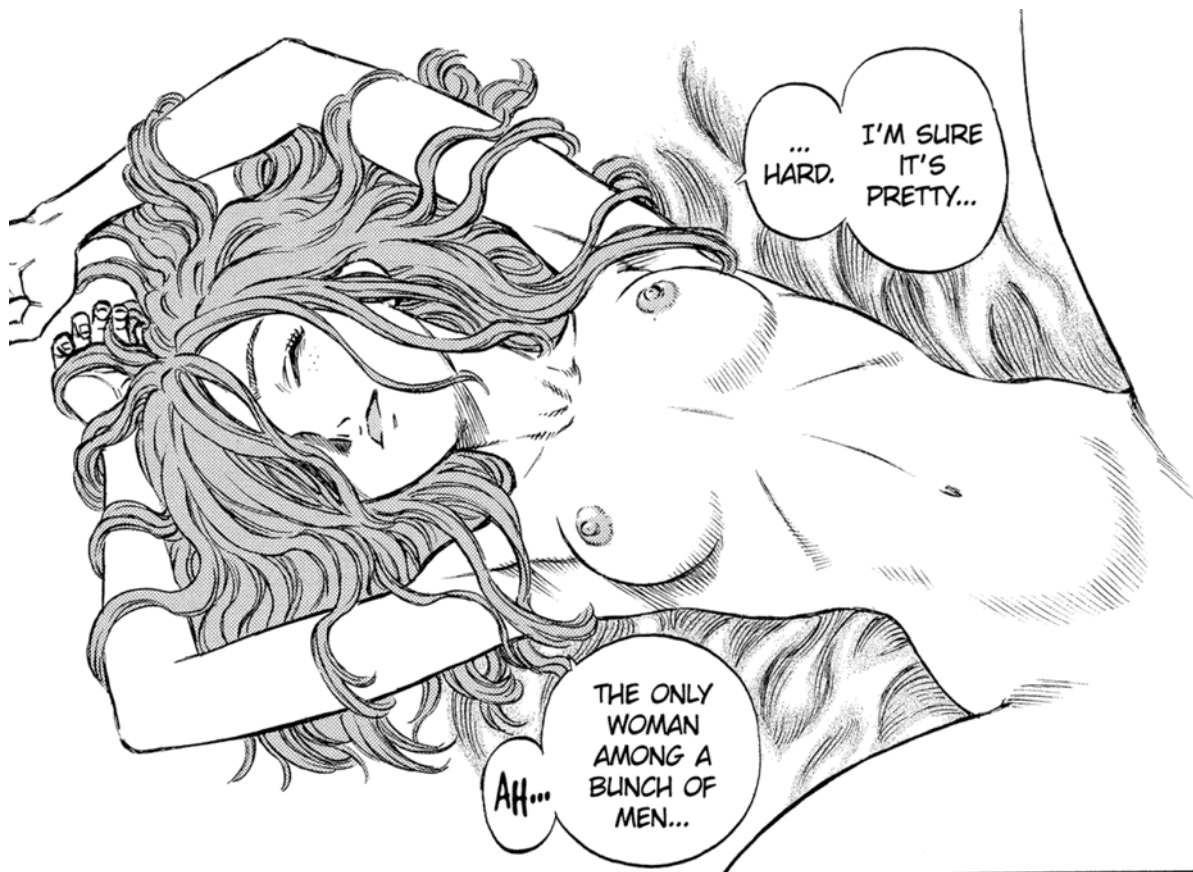
THAT LADY
COMMANDER
SEEMS
FRIGHTENING,
THOUGH.

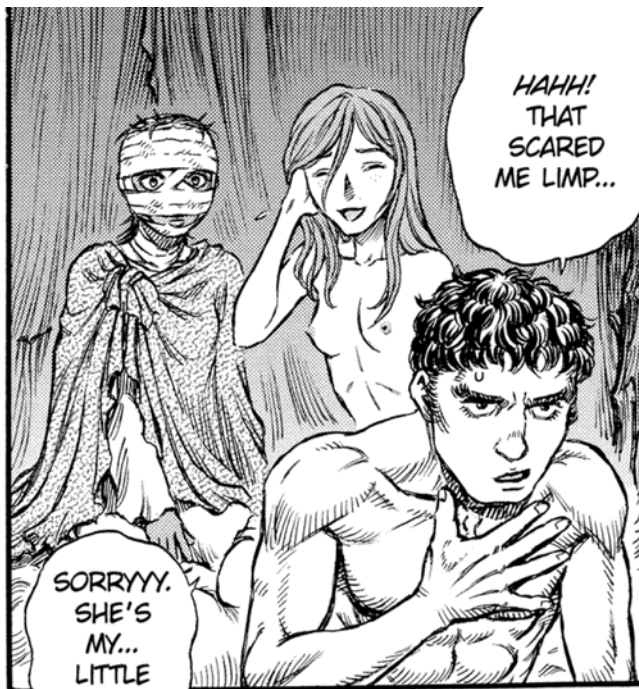
I WORRY
THAT
YOU'LL
GET IN
TROUBLE.

I DON'T
LIKE THE
COMMANDER
...

NONE
OF US
DO.







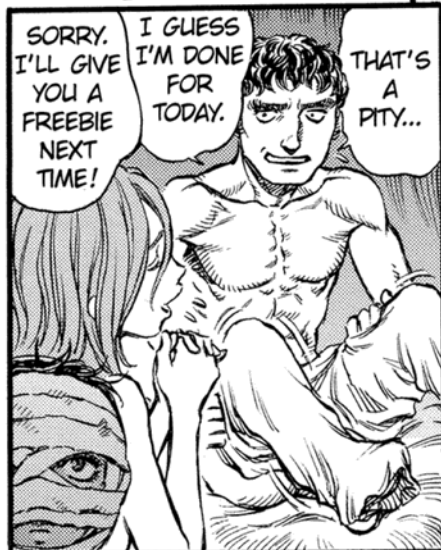
HAHH!
THAT
SCARED
ME LIMP...

SORRYYY.
SHE'S
MY...
LITTLE
SISTER.



I TOLD
YOU NOT
TO COME
IN HERE!
GEEZ!

ELAINE!
THIS
IS THE
WORK
TENT.



SORRY.
I'LL GIVE
YOU A
FREEBIE
NEXT
TIME!

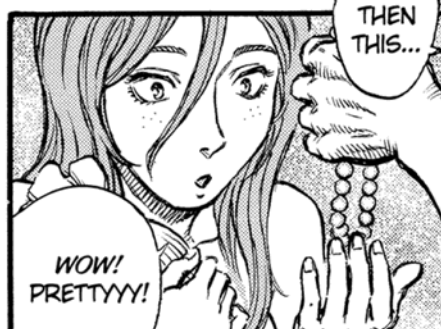
I GUESS
I'M DONE
FOR TODAY.

THAT'S
A
PITY...

SYPHILIS...
SHE HAD
SOME BAD
LUCK. IT'S
ALREADY
STARTED
SHOWING
ON HER
FACE.

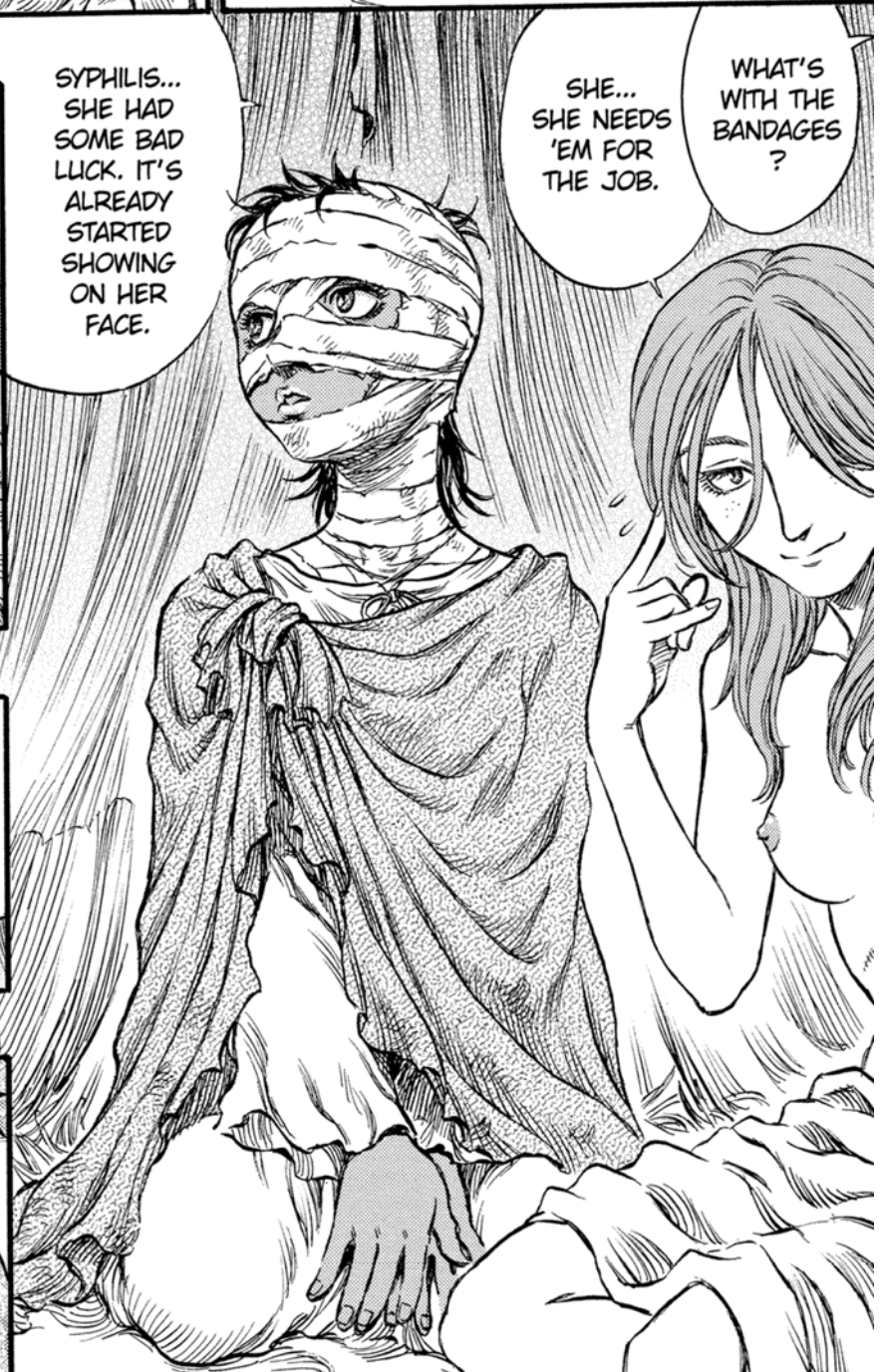


HERE,
THE
USUAL
FEE.



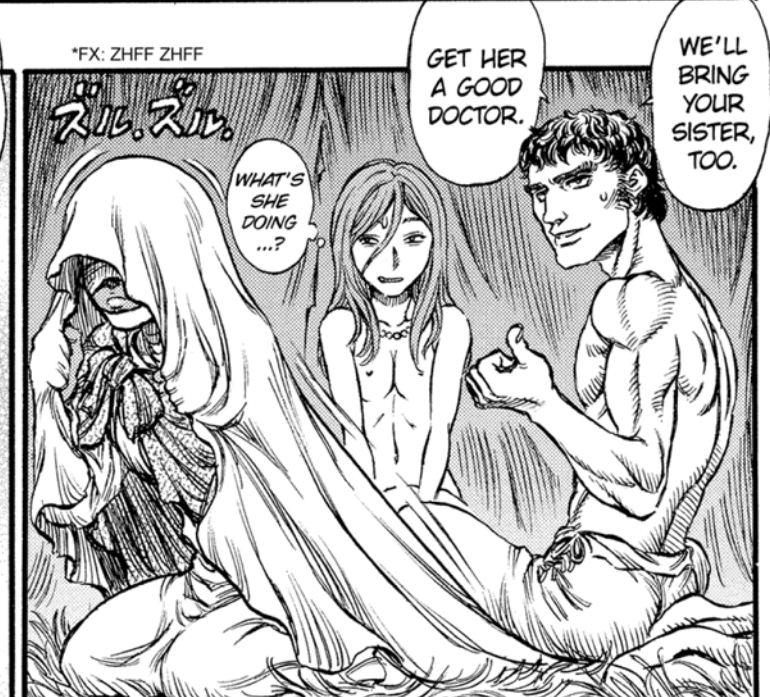
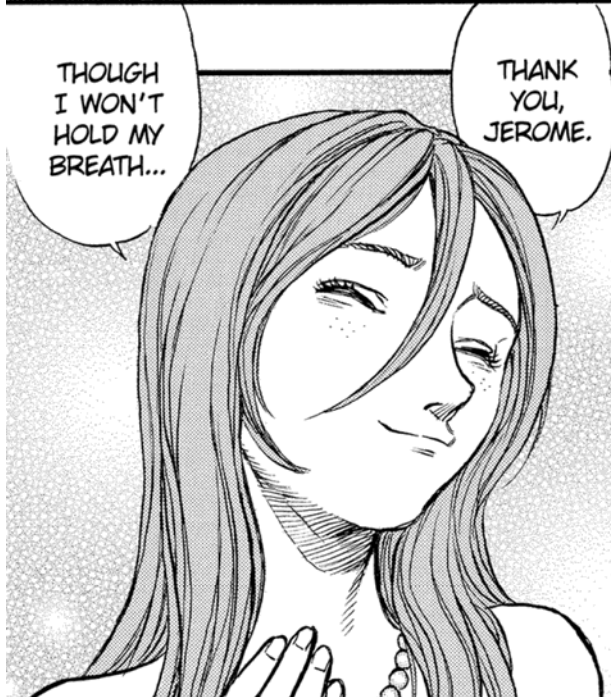
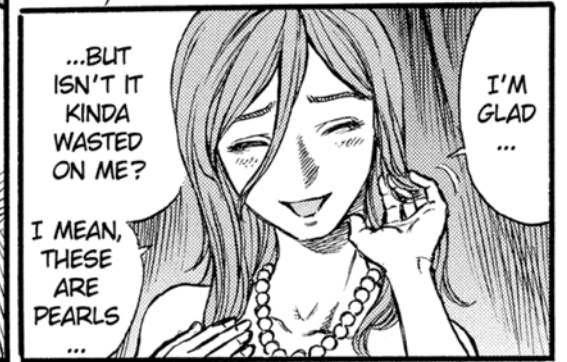
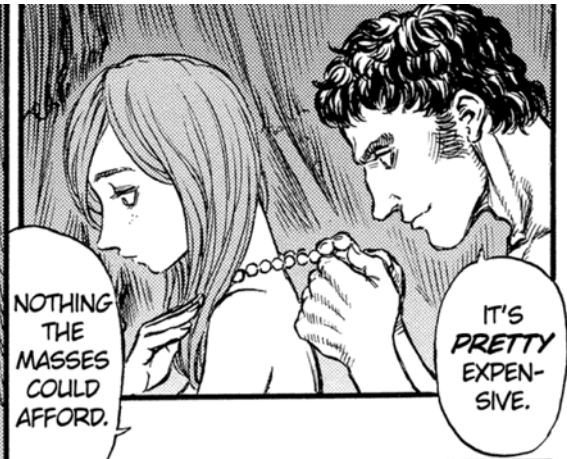
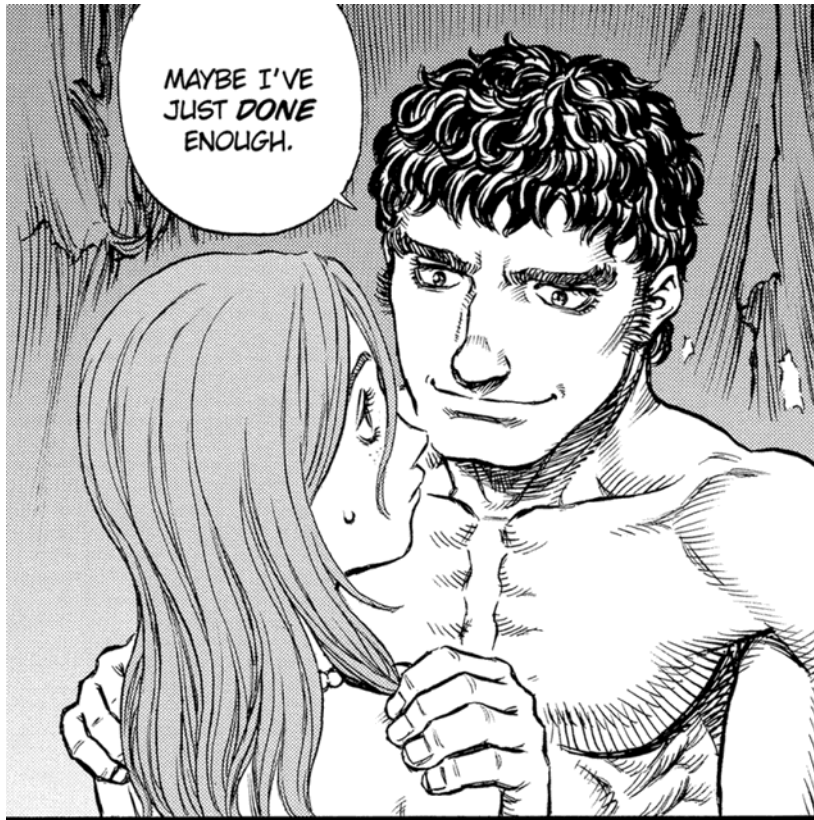
WOW!
PRETTYYY!

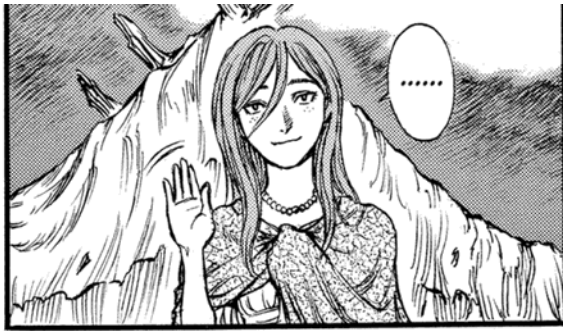
AND
THEN
THIS...



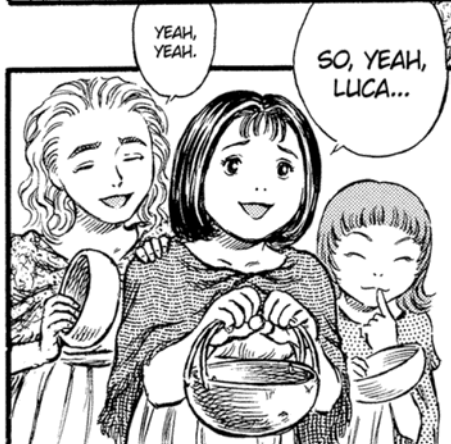
SHE...
SHE NEEDS
'EM FOR
THE JOB.

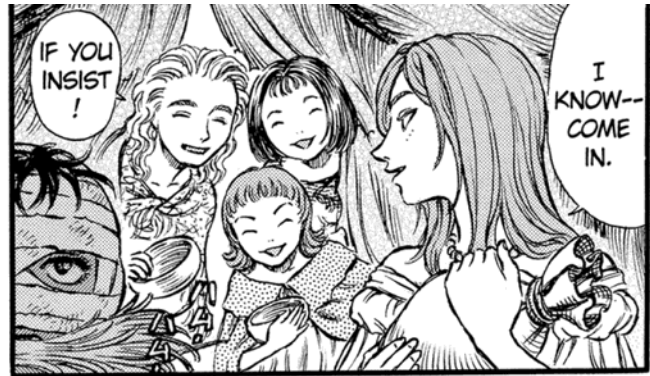
WHAT'S
WITH THE
BANDAGES
?





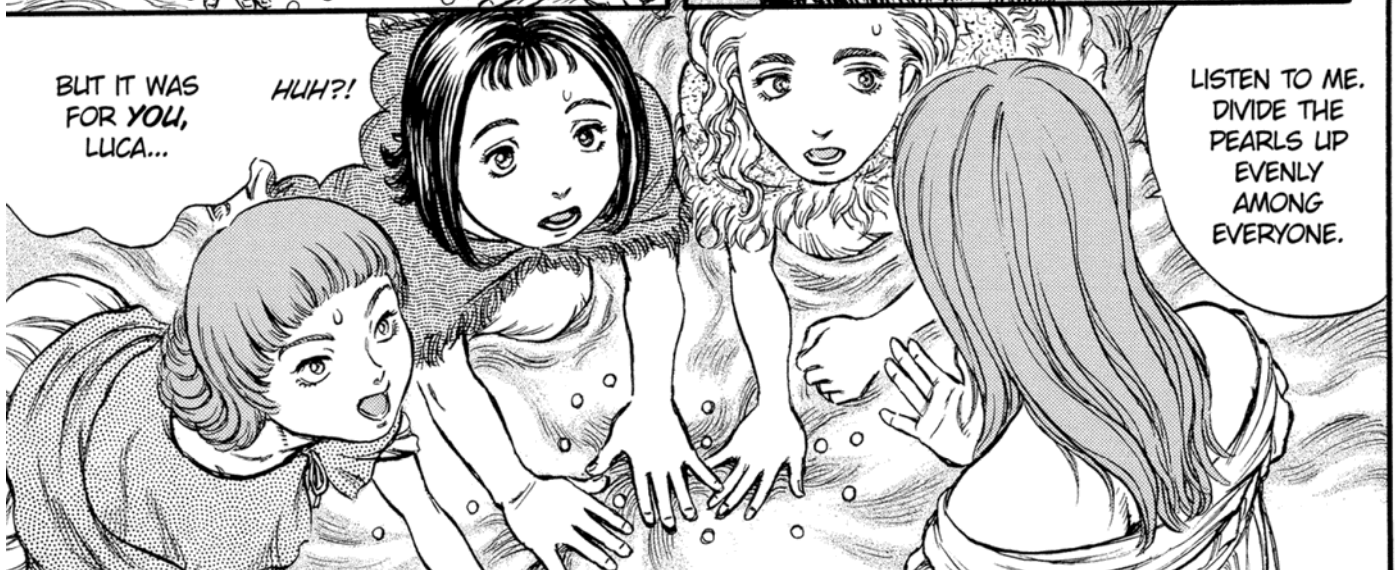
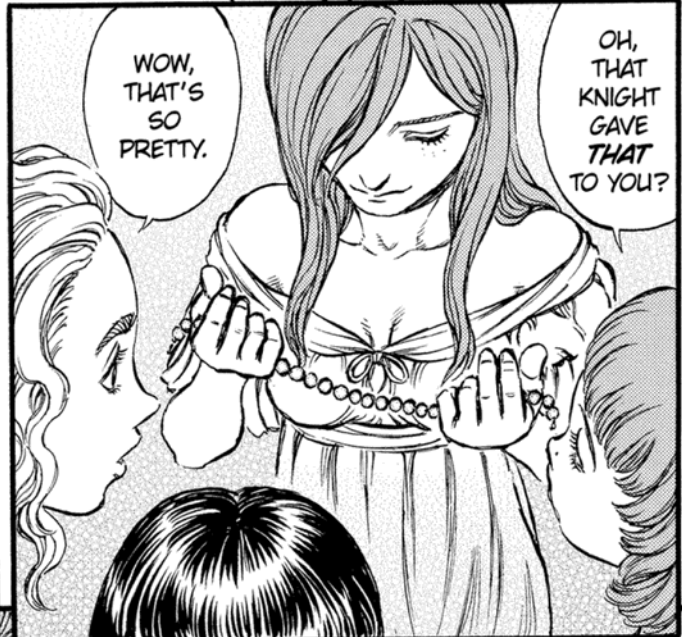
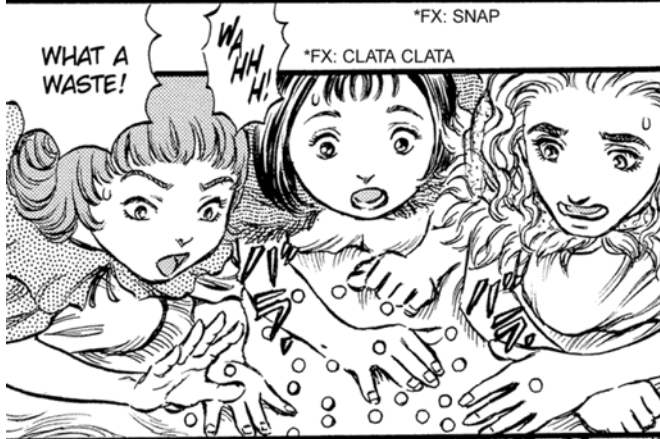
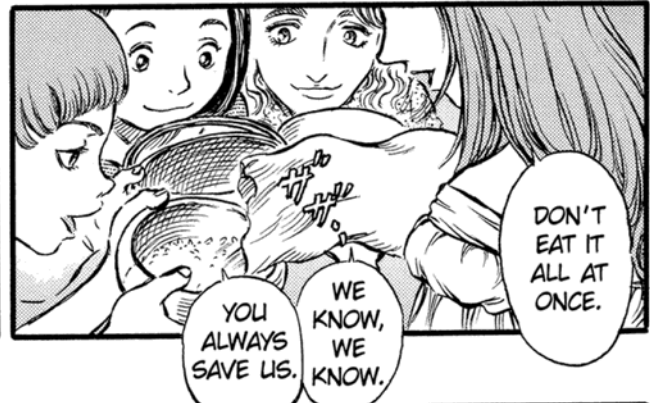
*FX: SCRATCH

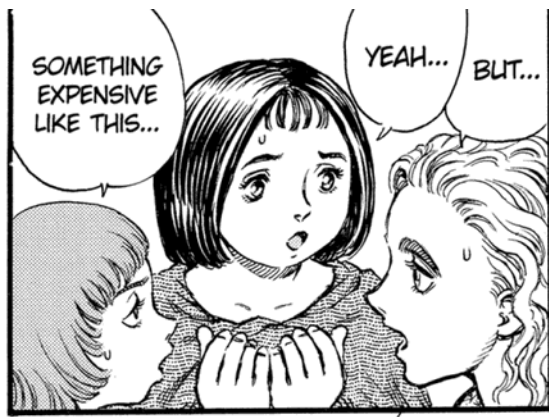




*FX: MNCH MNCH

*FX: ZHAA





SOMETHING
EXPENSIVE
LIKE THIS...

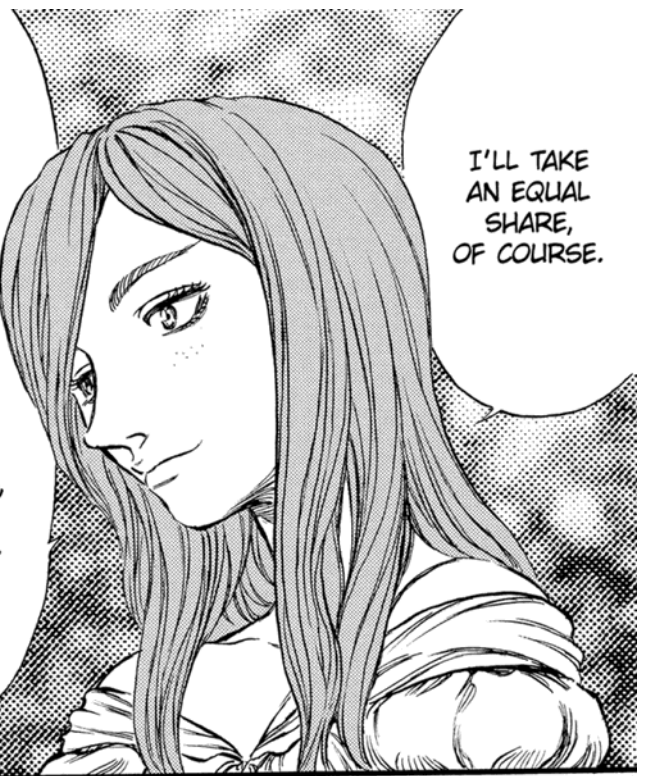
YEAH... BUT...



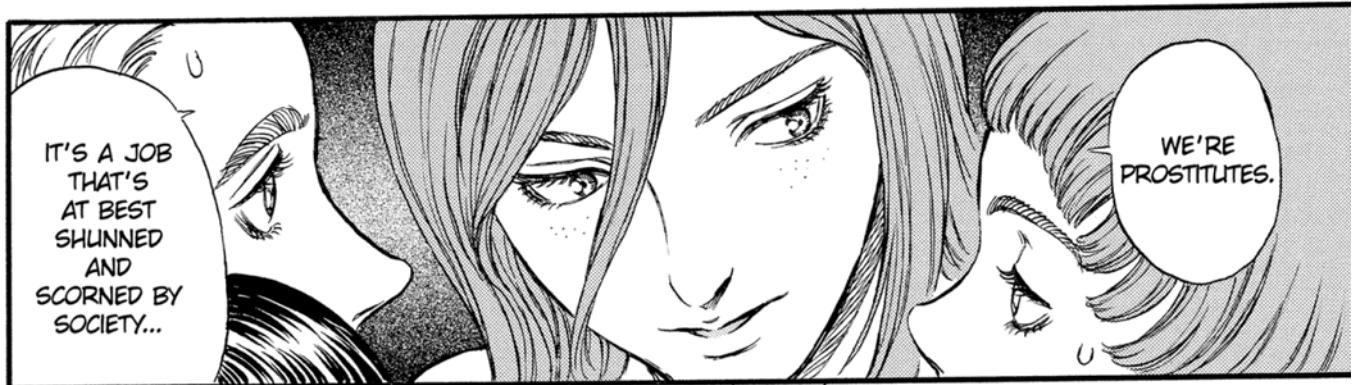
LISTEN
CLOSE.

LISTEN,
PEPE,
FOUQUET,
LUCIE.

DIDN'T WE
DECIDE
FROM THE
START?
EACH
PERSON'S
INCOME
WILL BE
SHARED
EQUALLY
AMONG US,
WITHOUT
EXCEPTION.

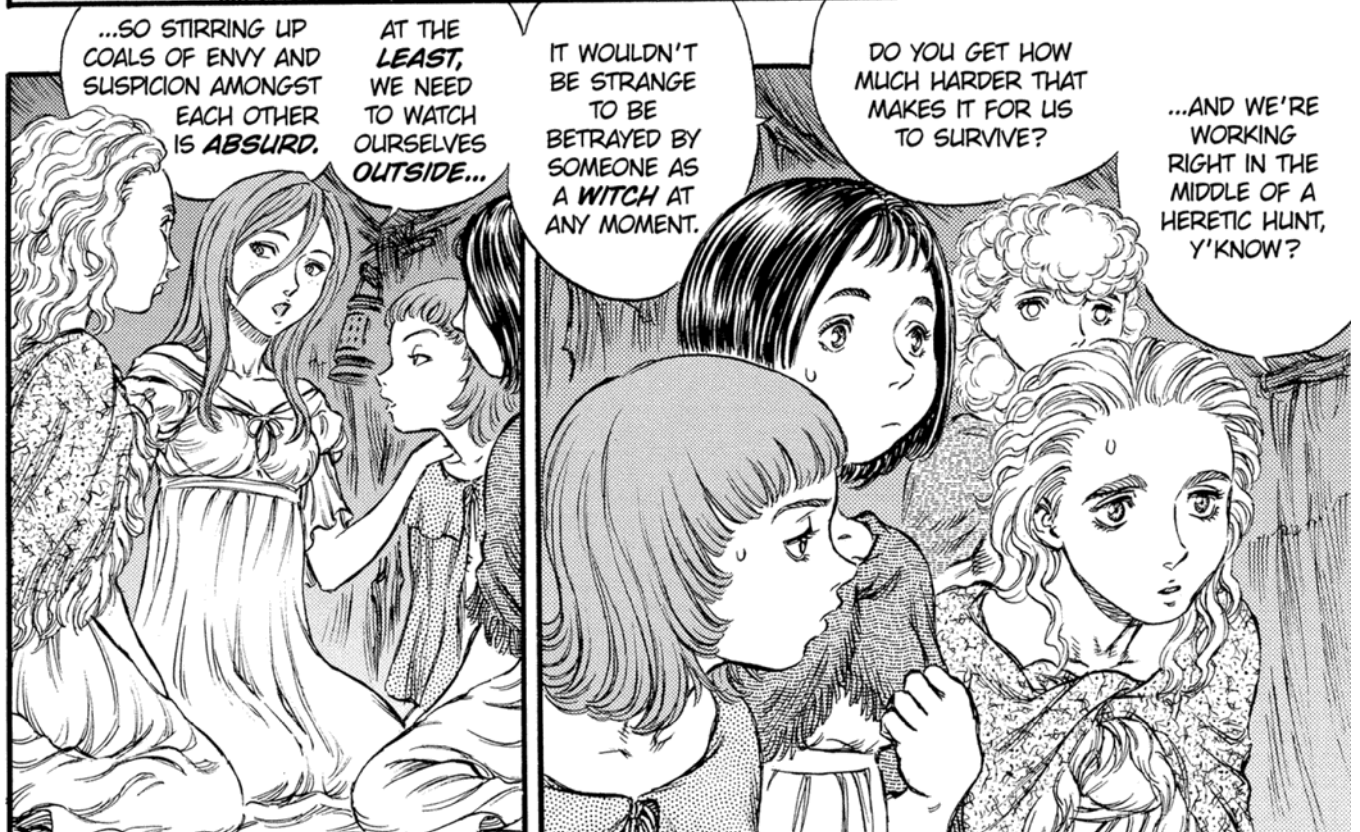


I'LL TAKE
AN EQUAL
SHARE,
OF COURSE.



IT'S A JOB
THAT'S
AT BEST
SHUNNED
AND
SCORNNED BY
SOCIETY...

WE'RE
PROSTITUTES.



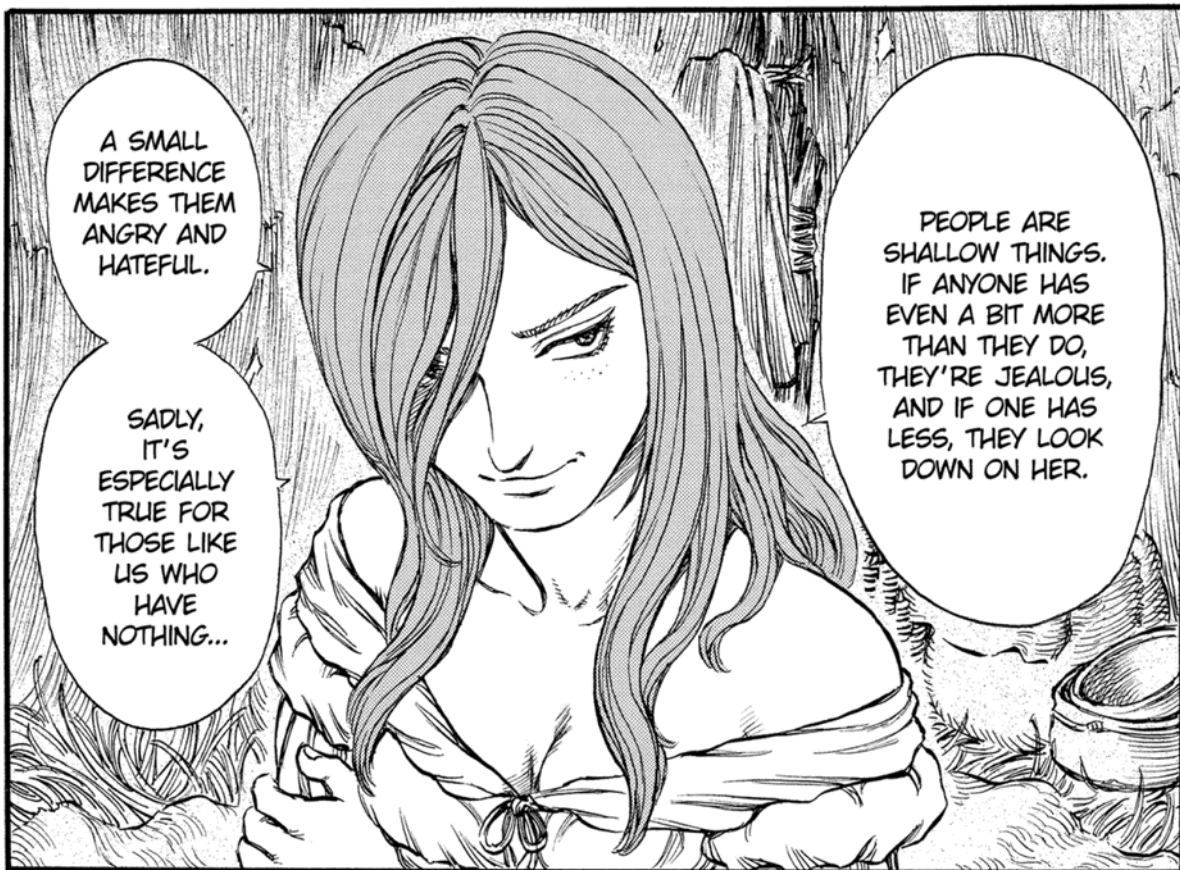
...SO STIRRING UP
COALS OF ENVY AND
SUSPICION AMONGST
EACH OTHER
IS **ABSDURD**.

AT THE
LEAST,
WE NEED
TO WATCH
OURSELVES
OUTSIDE...

IT WOULDN'T
BE STRANGE
TO BE
BETRAYED BY
SOMEONE AS
A **WITCH** AT
ANY MOMENT.

DO YOU GET HOW
MUCH HARDER THAT
MAKES IT FOR US
TO SURVIVE?

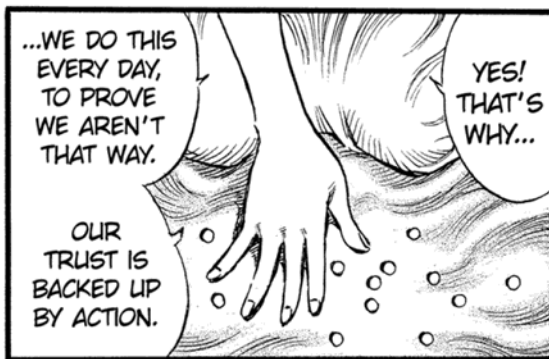
...AND WE'RE
WORKING
RIGHT IN THE
MIDDLE OF A
HERETIC HUNT,
Y'KNOW?



A SMALL
DIFFERENCE
MAKES THEM
ANGRY AND
HATEFUL.

SADLY,
IT'S
ESPECIALLY
TRUE FOR
THOSE LIKE
US WHO
HAVE
NOTHING...

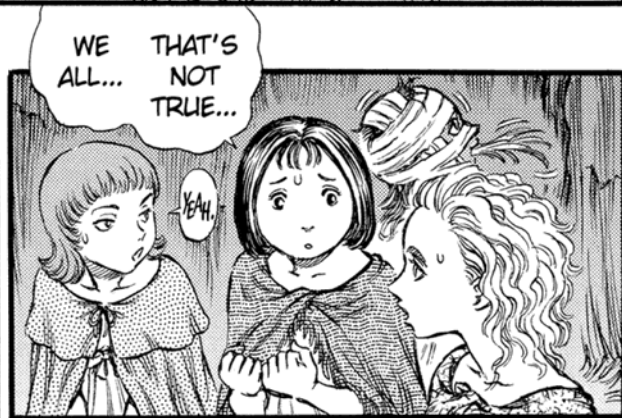
PEOPLE ARE
SHALLOW THINGS.
IF ANYONE HAS
EVEN A BIT MORE
THAN THEY DO,
THEY'RE JEALOUS,
AND IF ONE HAS
LESS, THEY LOOK
DOWN ON HER.



...WE DO THIS
EVERY DAY,
TO PROVE
WE AREN'T
THAT WAY.

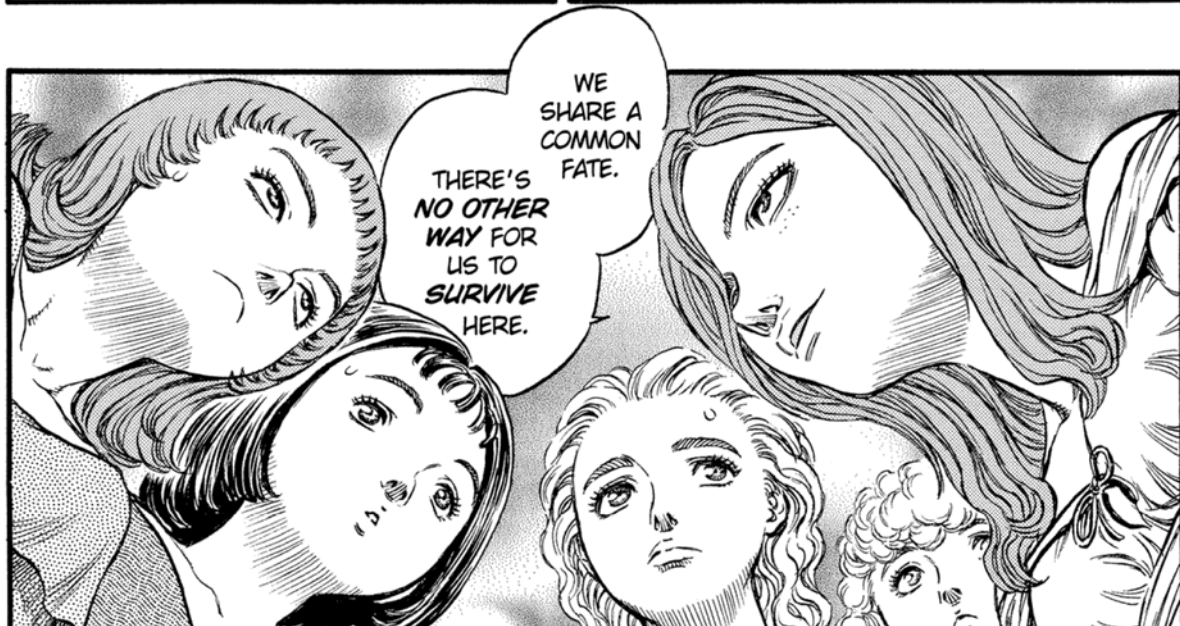
OUR
TRUST IS
BACKED UP
BY ACTION.

YES!
THAT'S
WHY...



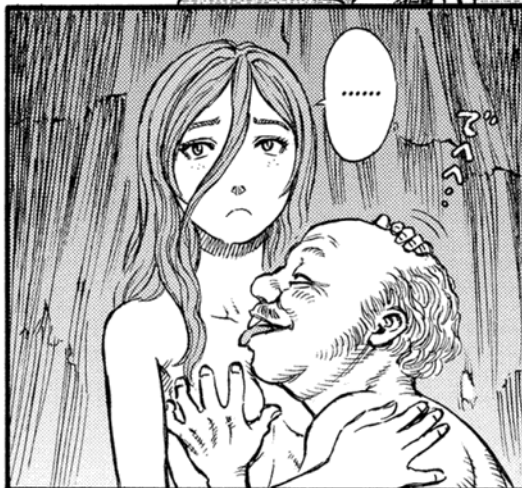
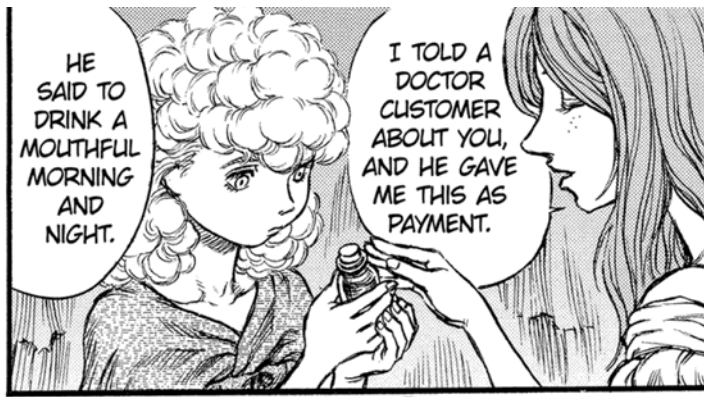
WE
ALL...
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE...

YEAH...



THERE'S
NO OTHER
WAY FOR
US TO
SURVIVE
HERE.

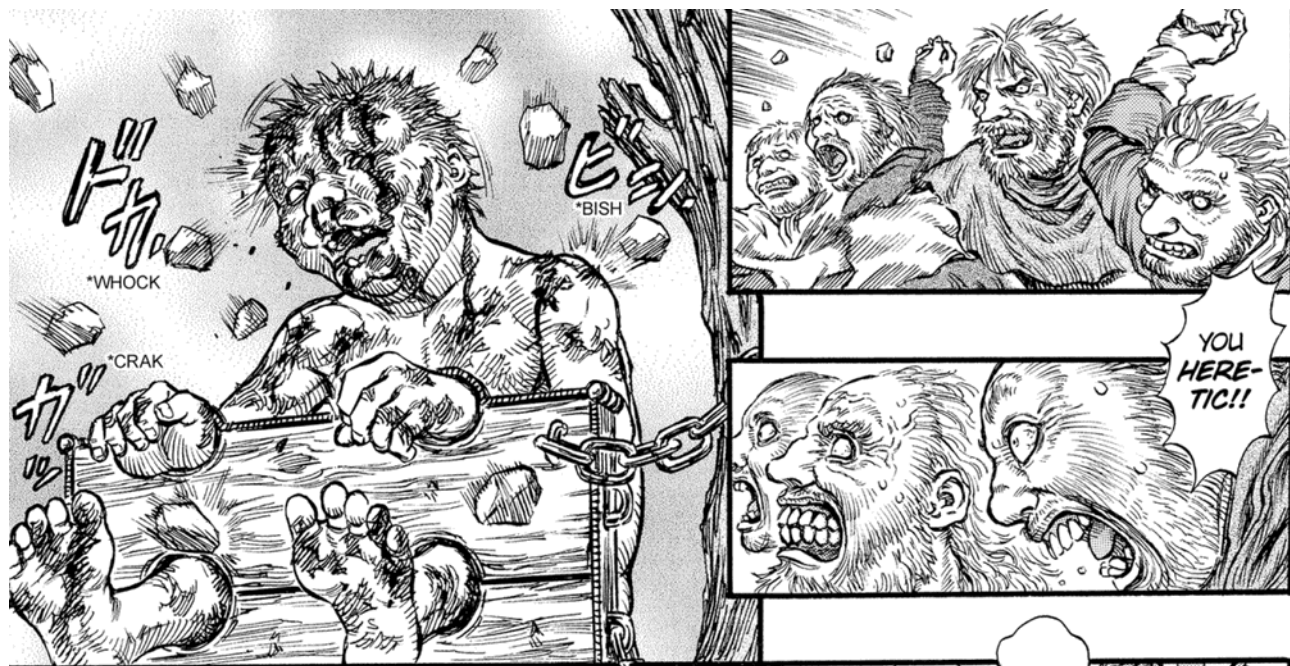
WE
SHARE A
COMMON
FATE.



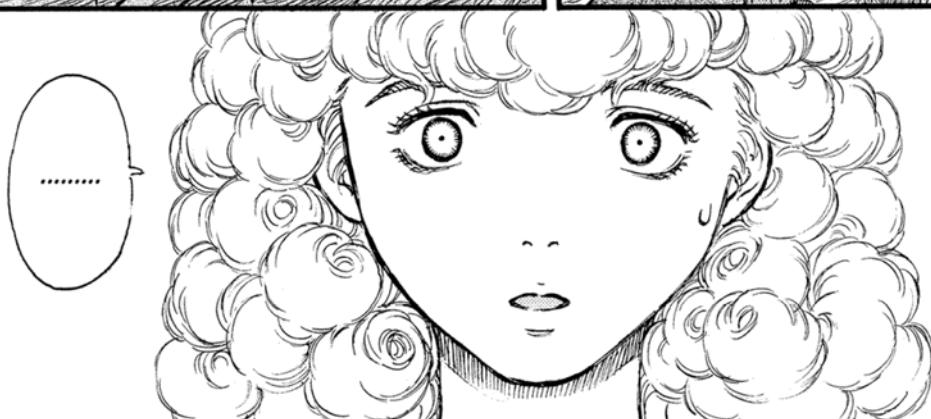
*FX: DEHEHEH

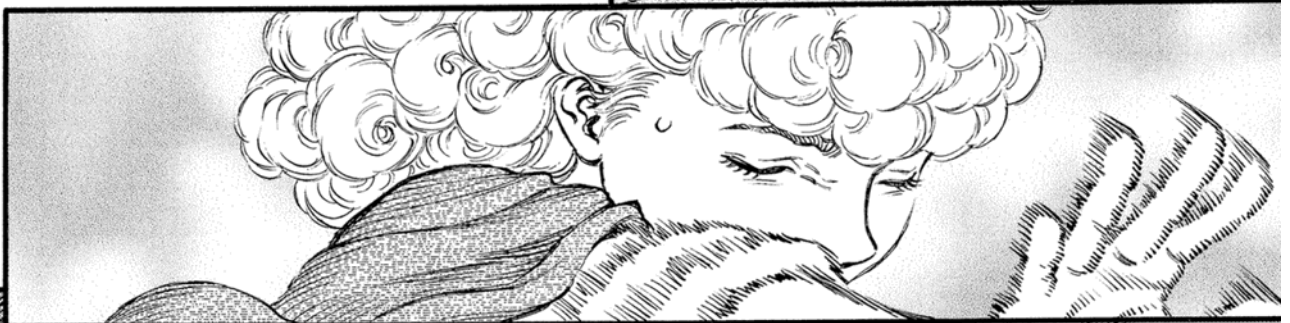
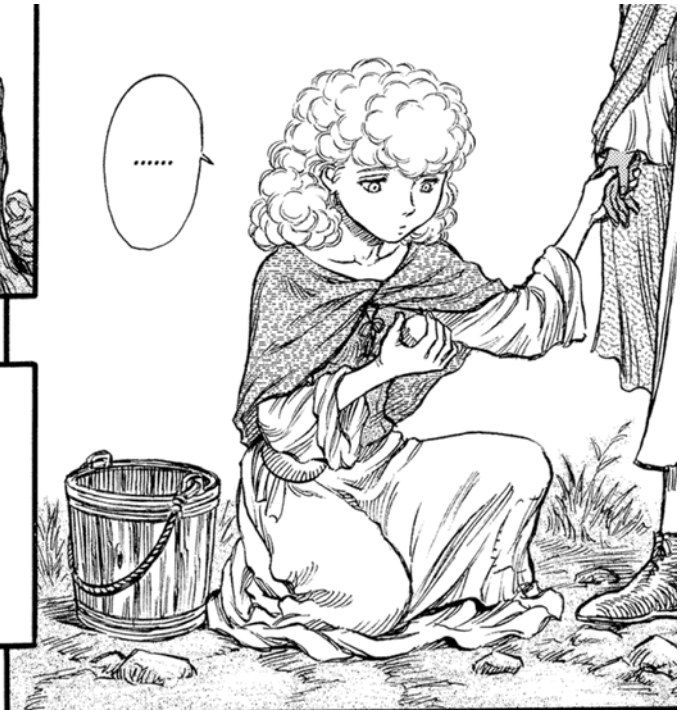
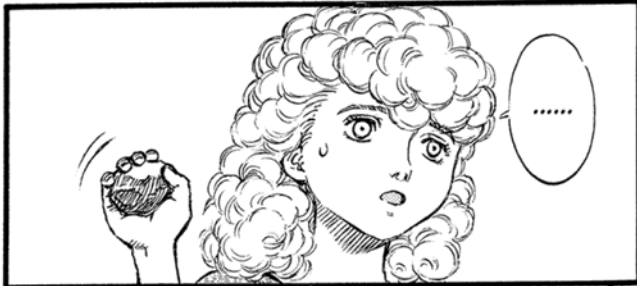
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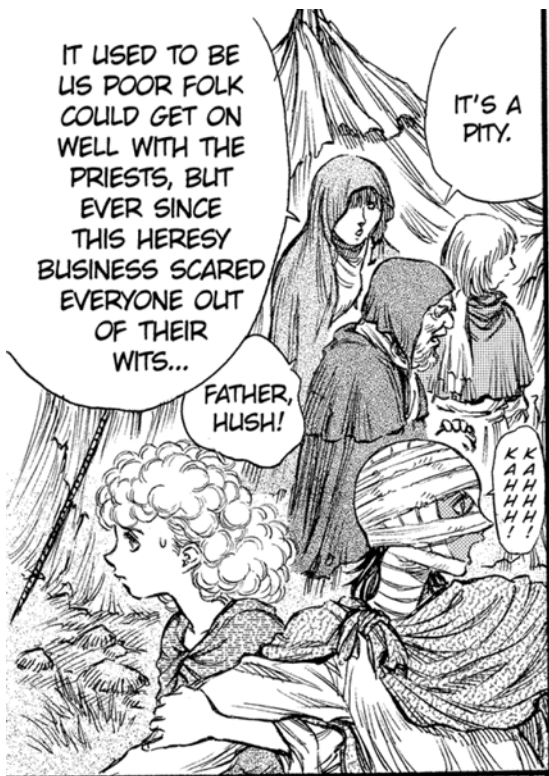




*FX: RAHHH RAHHH







IT USED TO BE US POOR FOLK COULD GET ON WELL WITH THE PRIESTS, BUT EVER SINCE THIS HERESY BUSINESS SCARED EVERYONE OUT OF THEIR WITS...

IT'S A PITY.

FATHER, HUSH!

KAHHH!



ELAINE, DON'T.

AHHH!

GO AWAY! WHAT IF SOMEONE MISTAKES US FOR HERETICS, TOO?!

NONE OF YOU MUST FORGET THIS!!

SHUT UP, OLD MAN!



*FX: BLASH BLASH

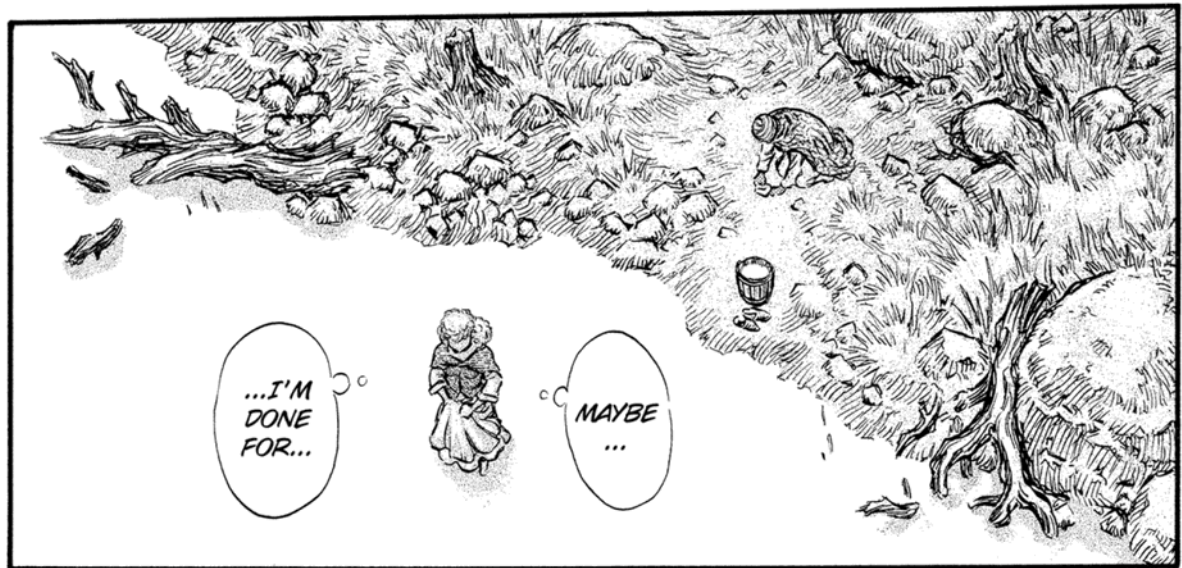
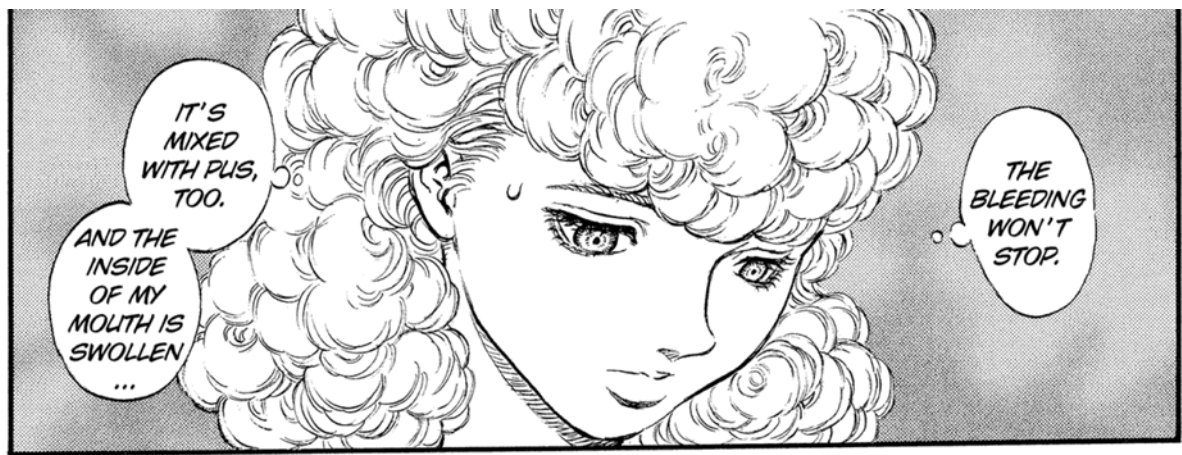


*PLCH
PLCH

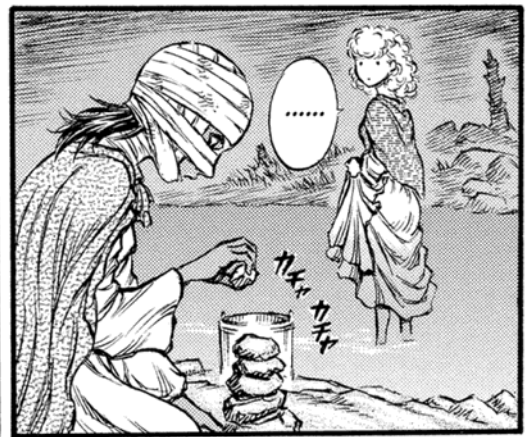


*FX: PLASH
*FX: WHEW



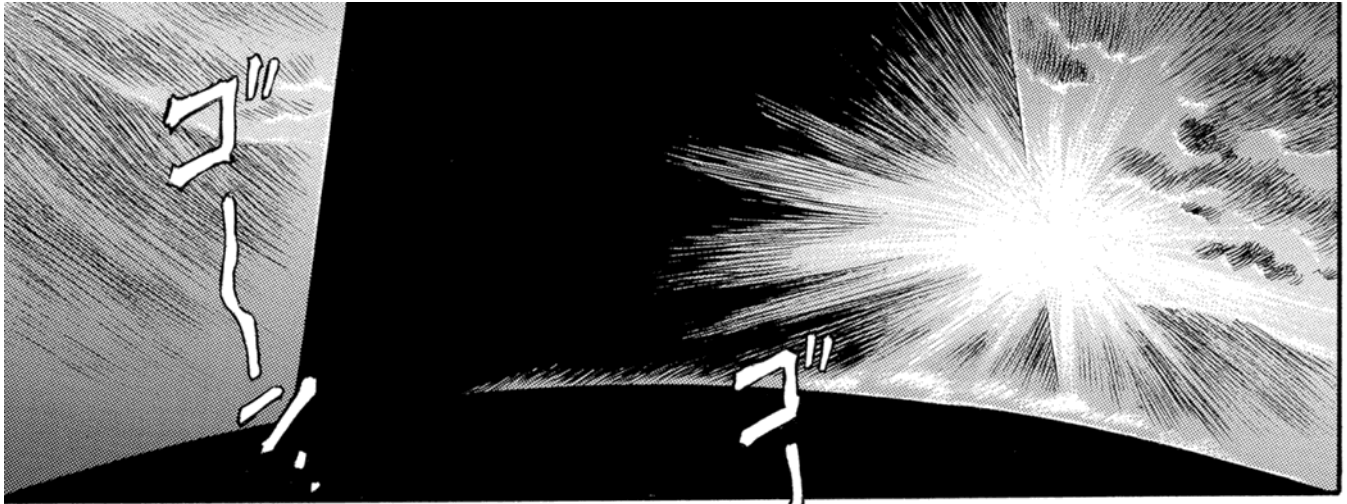


*FX: CLATA

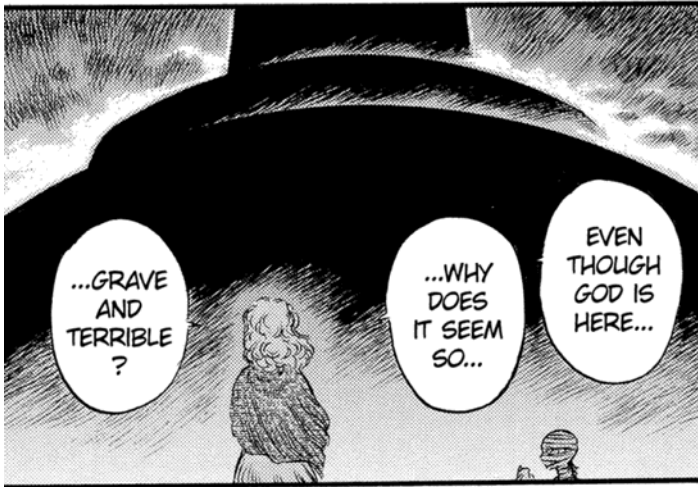


*FX: KCHAK KCHAK





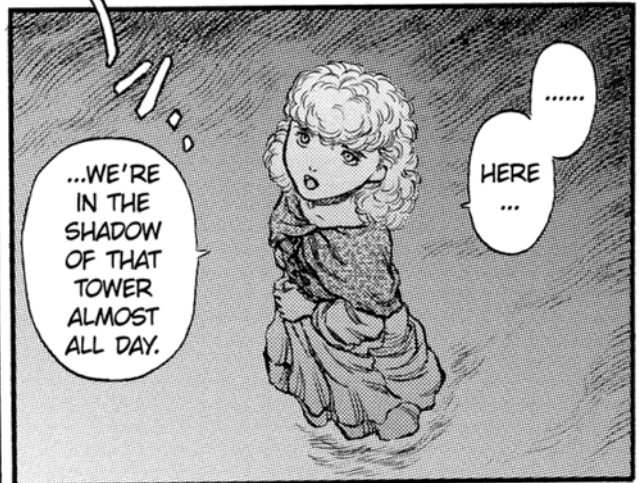
*FX: GONNG GONNG



...GRAVE
AND
TERRIBLE
?

...WHY
DOES
IT SEEM
SO...

EVEN
THOUGH
GOD IS
HERE...



...WE'RE
IN THE
SHADOW
OF THAT
TOWER
ALMOST
ALL DAY.

HERE
...

*FX: CLUTCH

*FX: GONNG



I'M
SCARED
...

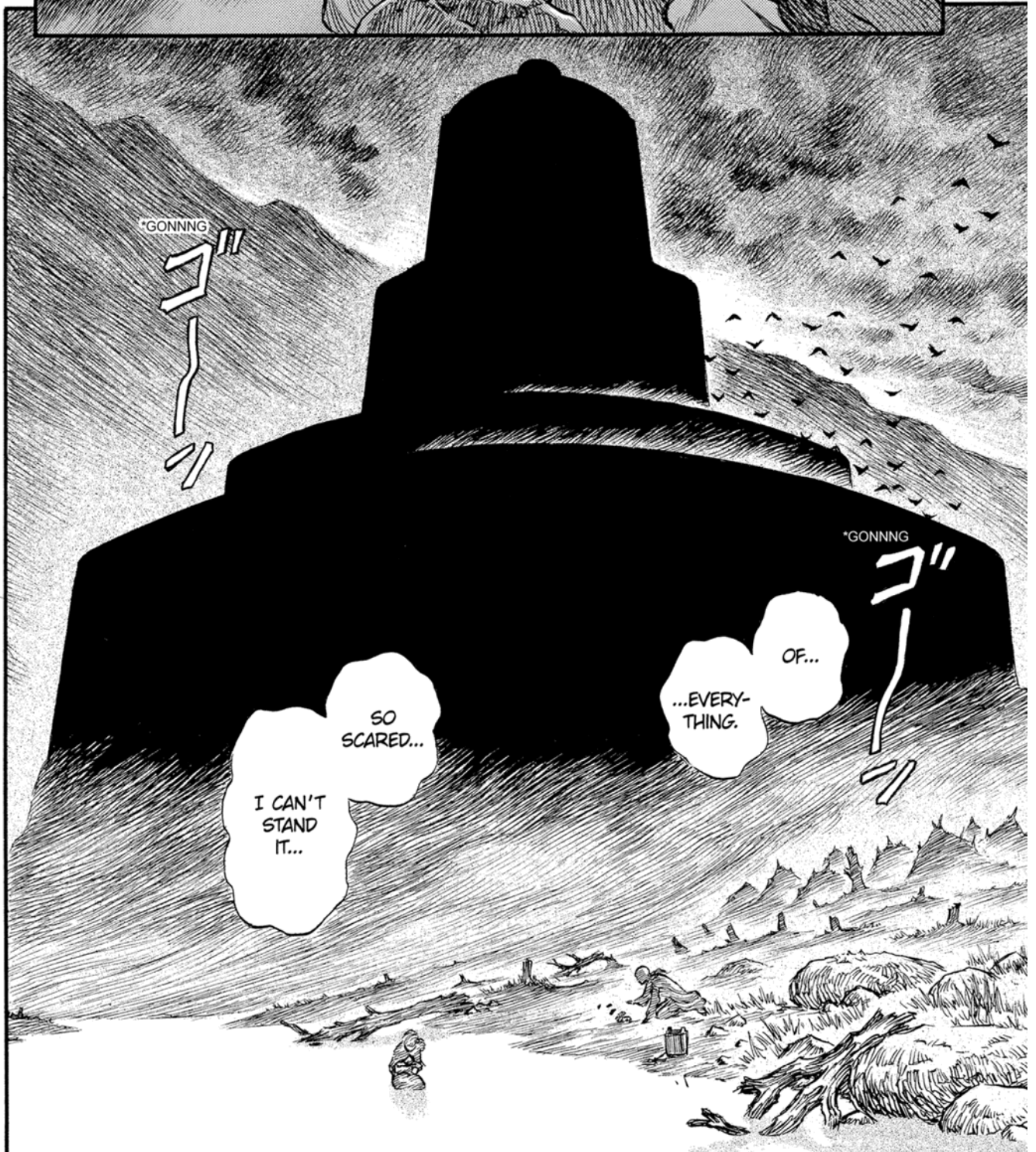
SCARED
...

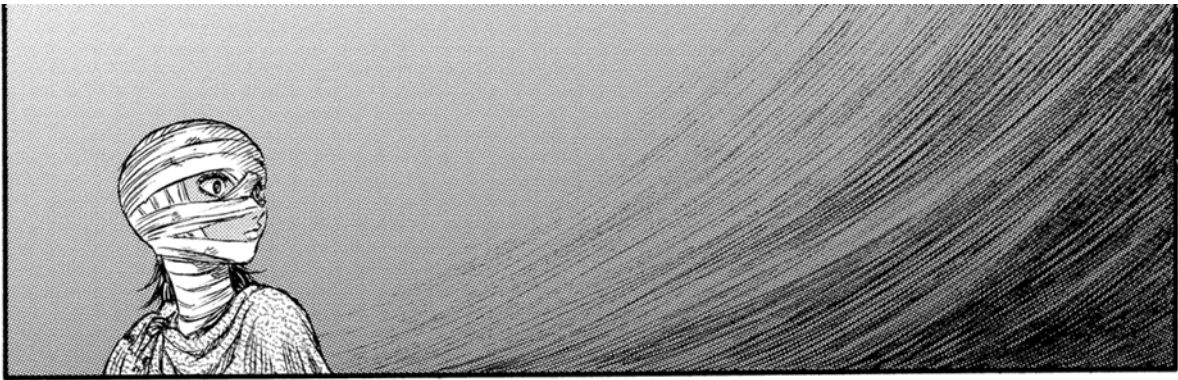


I CAN'T
STAND
IT...
LUCAAA
...

SO
SCARED...

I'M
SCARED
...





BERSERK

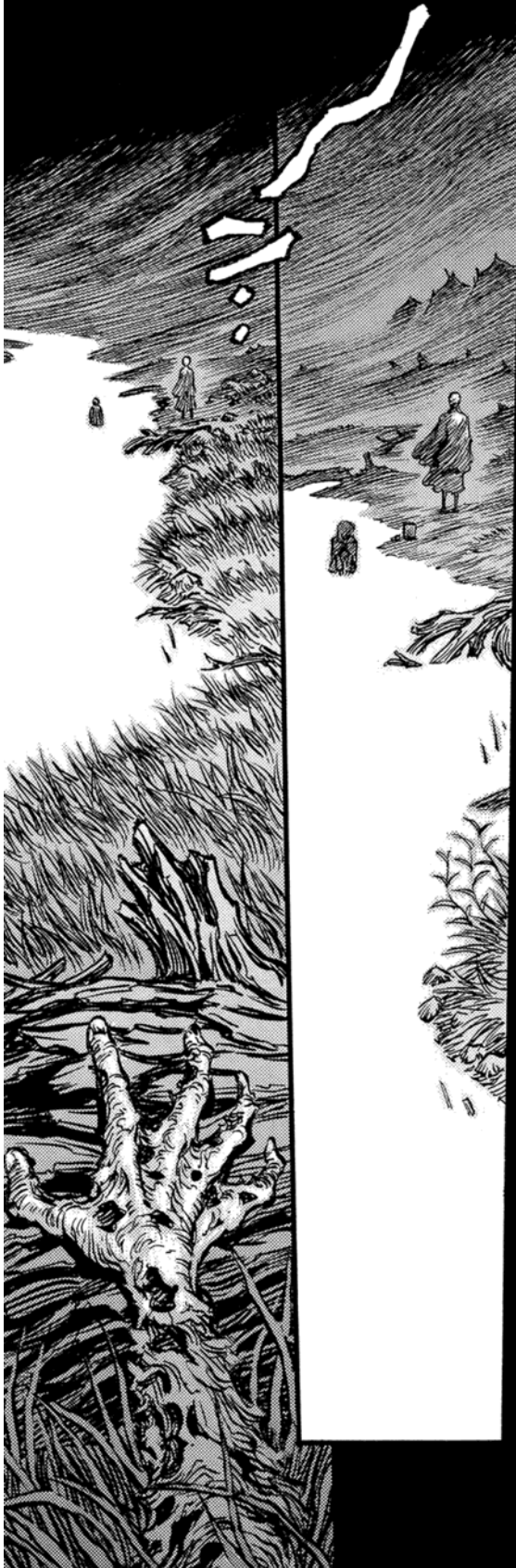


*GONNNG

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*GONNNG

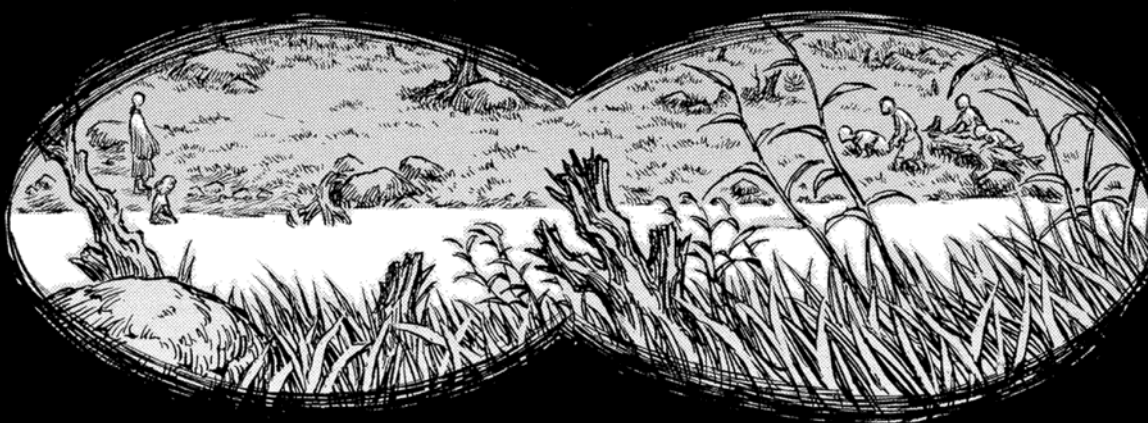
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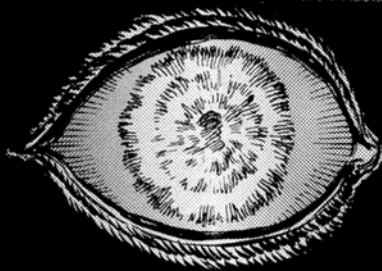
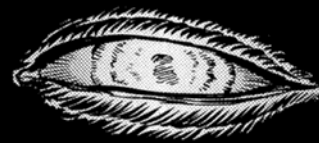


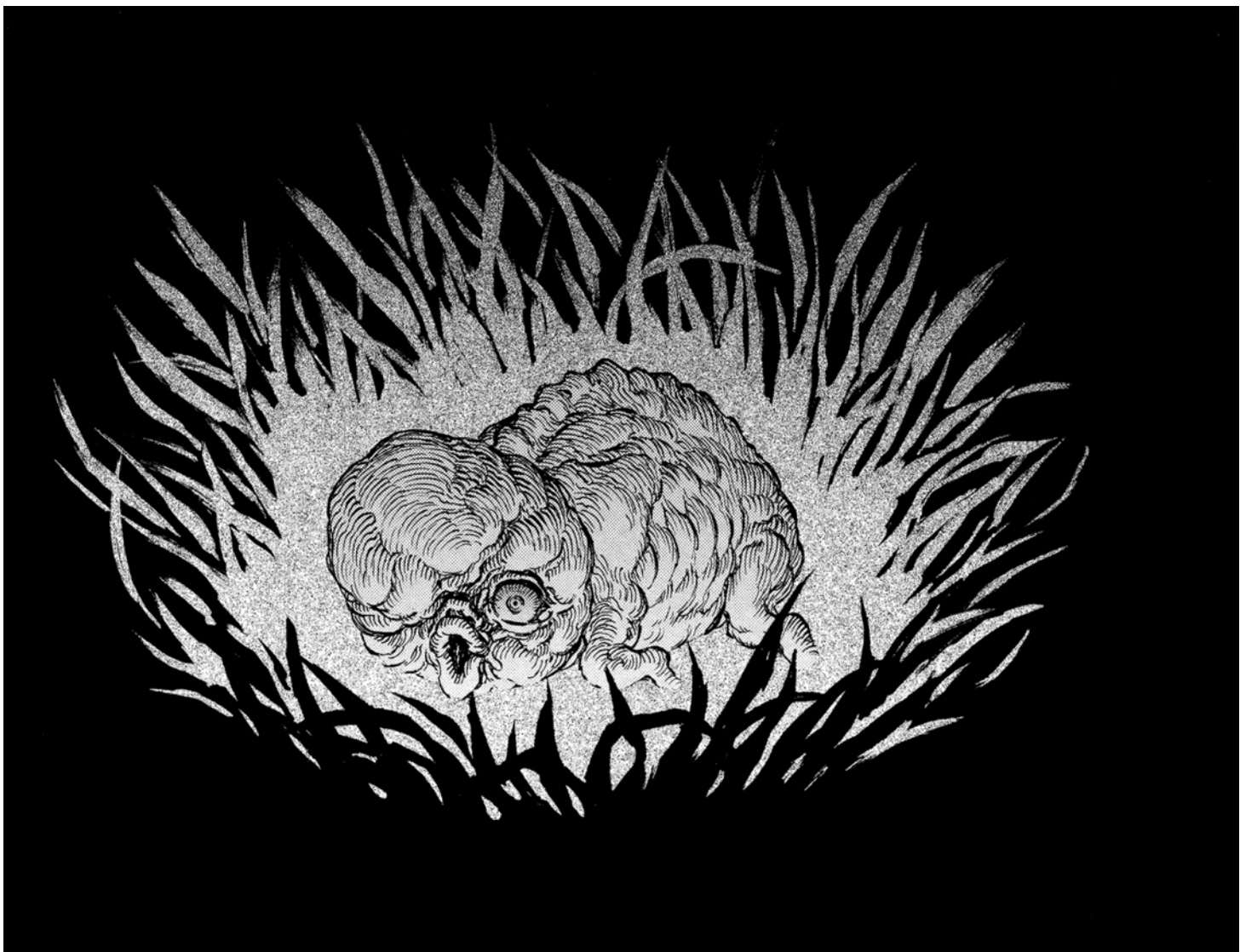


断罪篇
生誕祭の章 影の子ら

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BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
CHILDREN OF SHADOW







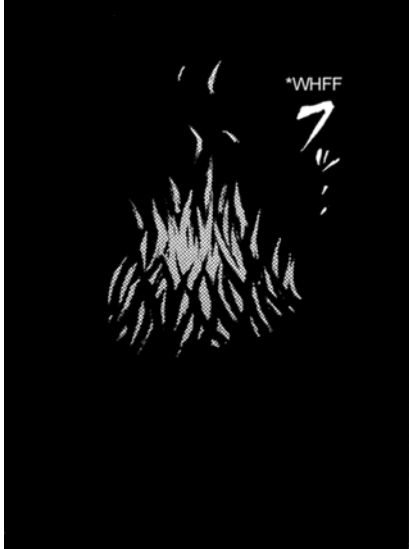
*FX: THUD

*FX: WHUMP



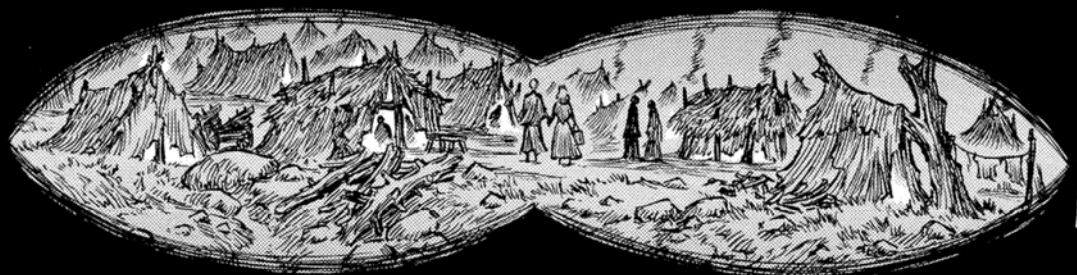
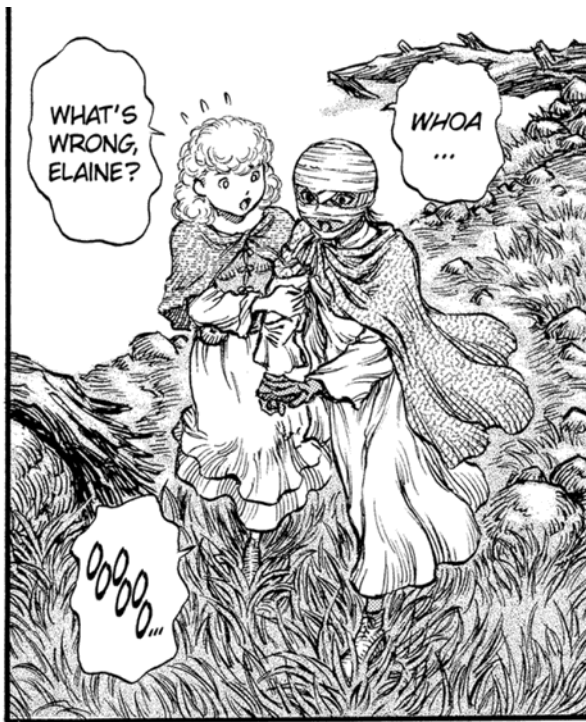
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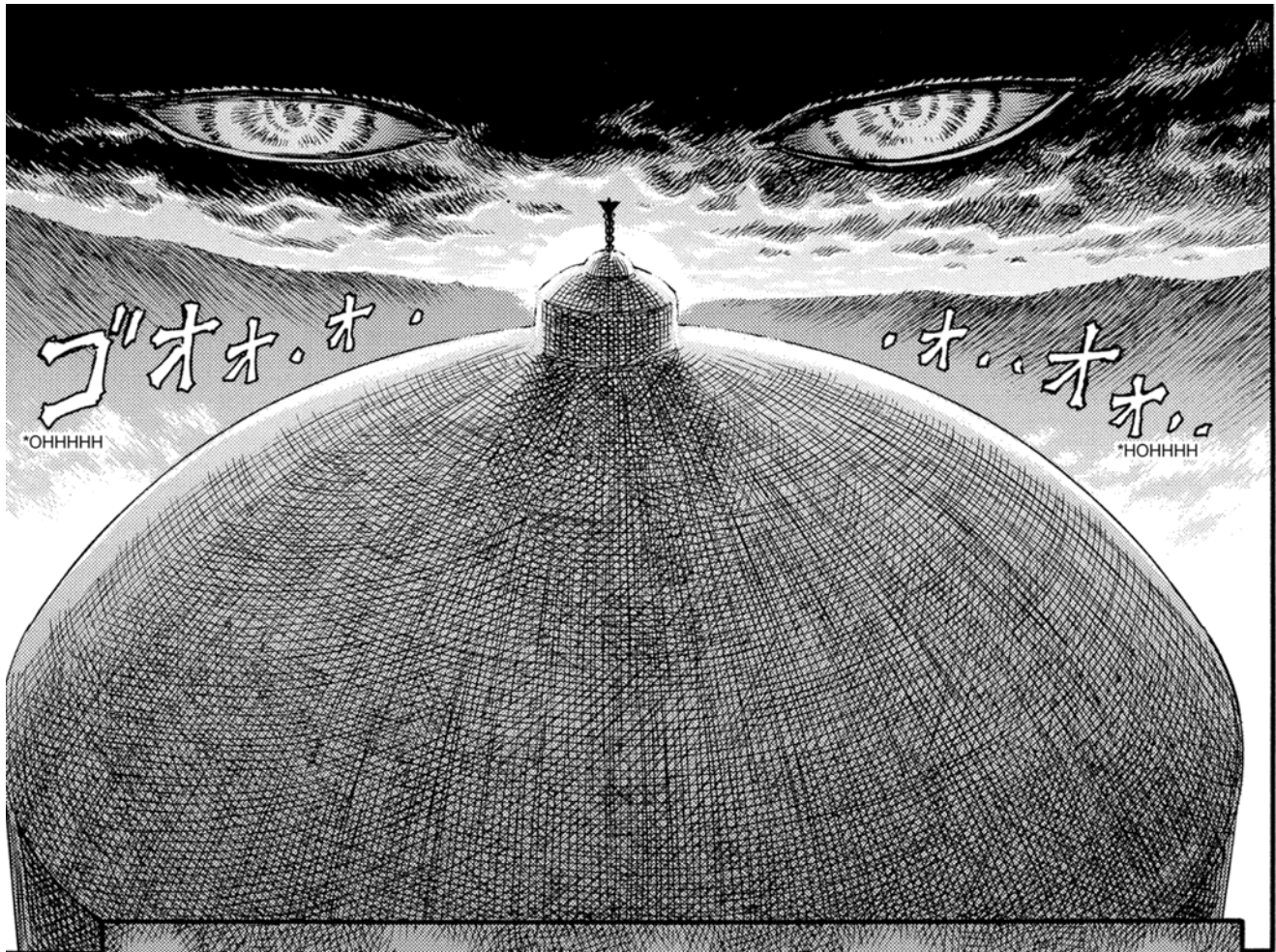
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*WHFF





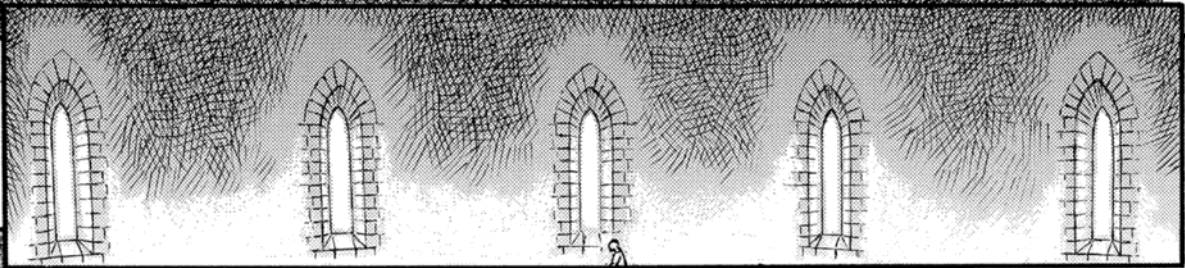


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*OH HHHH

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*HO HHHH

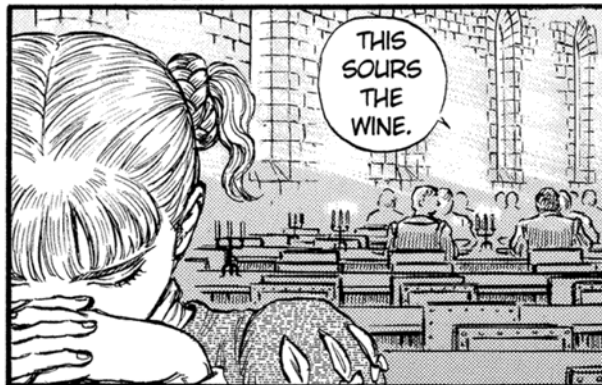


*FX: KCHULP





*FX: CLANG



THIS SOURS THE WINE.





*FX: GYAHHH AH HH

ギヤアアア...

I THOUGHT OUR TASK WAS JUST TO **GUARD** HIM.

WHY DO THE HOLY IRON CHAIN KNIGHTS HAVE TO HELP OUT THIS MOZGLIS IN THE FIRST PLACE?

NOW WE'RE PRACTICALLY HIS PERSONAL ARMY.

DO WE **HAVE** TO TOLERATE THAT DAMNED SCREAMING DURING DINNERTIME?

FOR GOD'S SAKE.

'GYAHH'

ヒィッ



OUR COMMANDER...?

WHAT'S SHE THINKING...?

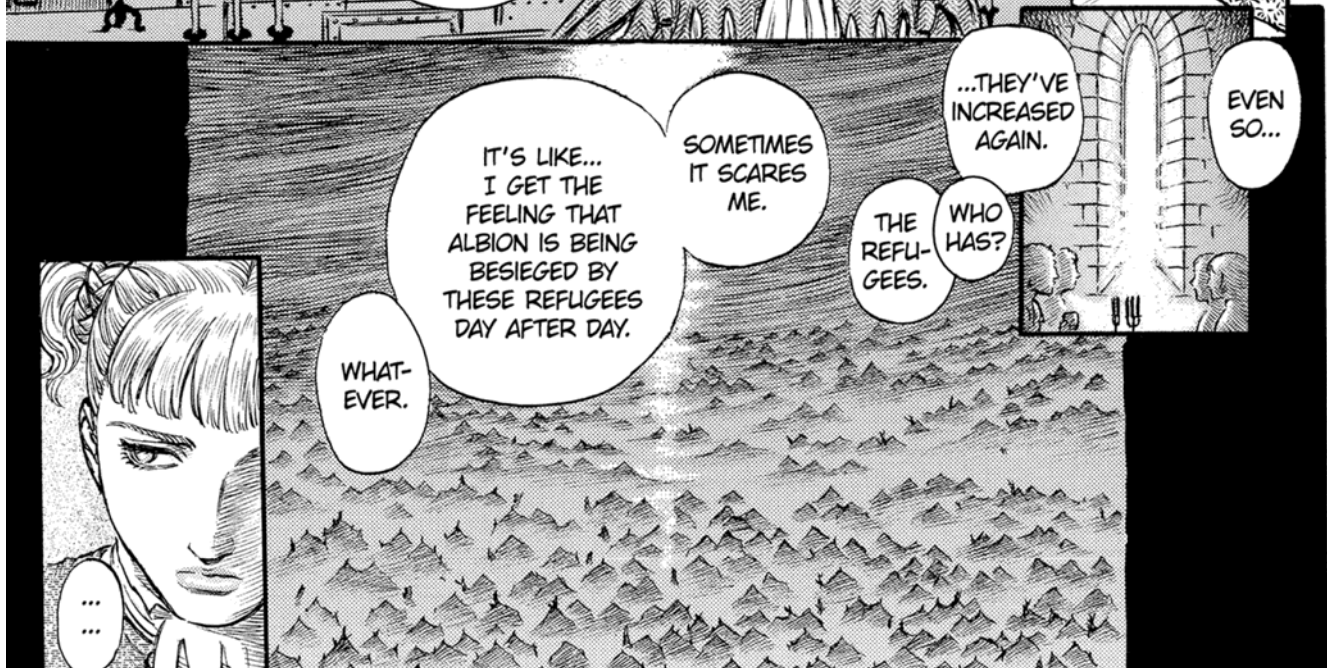


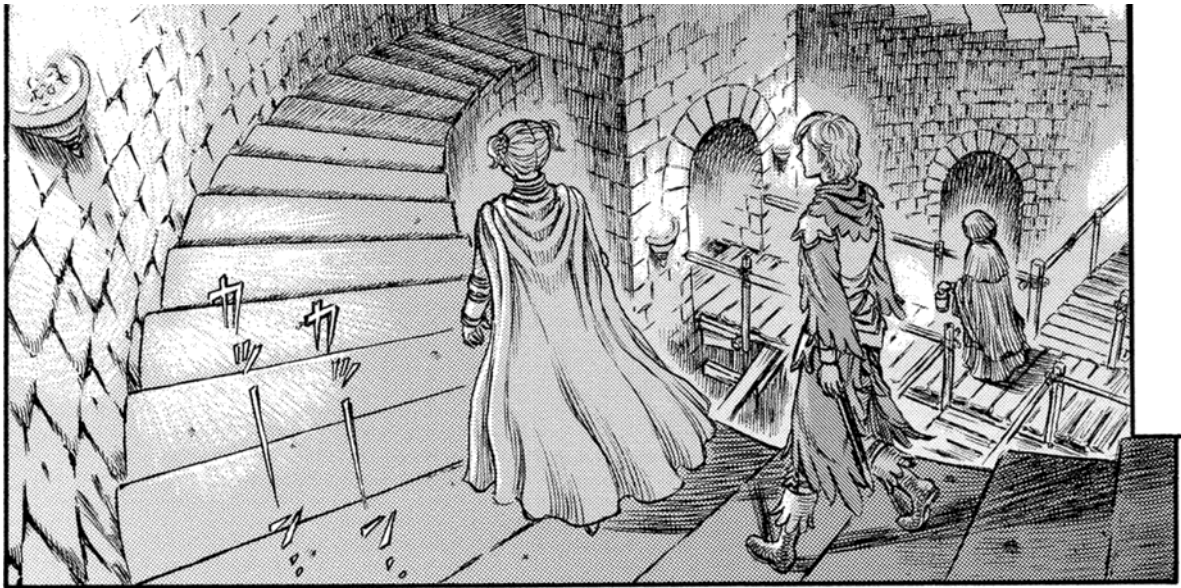
H-HEY...

TALK ABOUT A PRAISE-WORTHY HEART OF FAITH.

IT'S ALMOST LIKE SHE'S TRYING TO SCORE POINTS WITH THIS MOZGLIS...

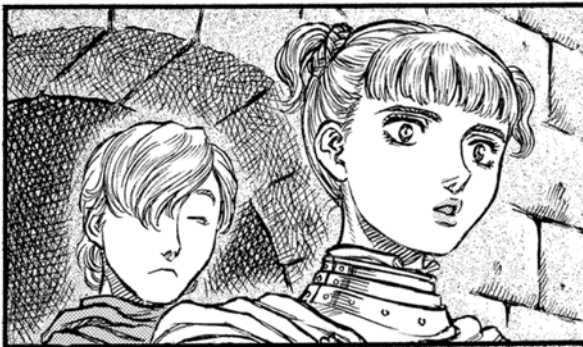






*FX: KANNING KANNNG

*FX: KWAAA AAAA



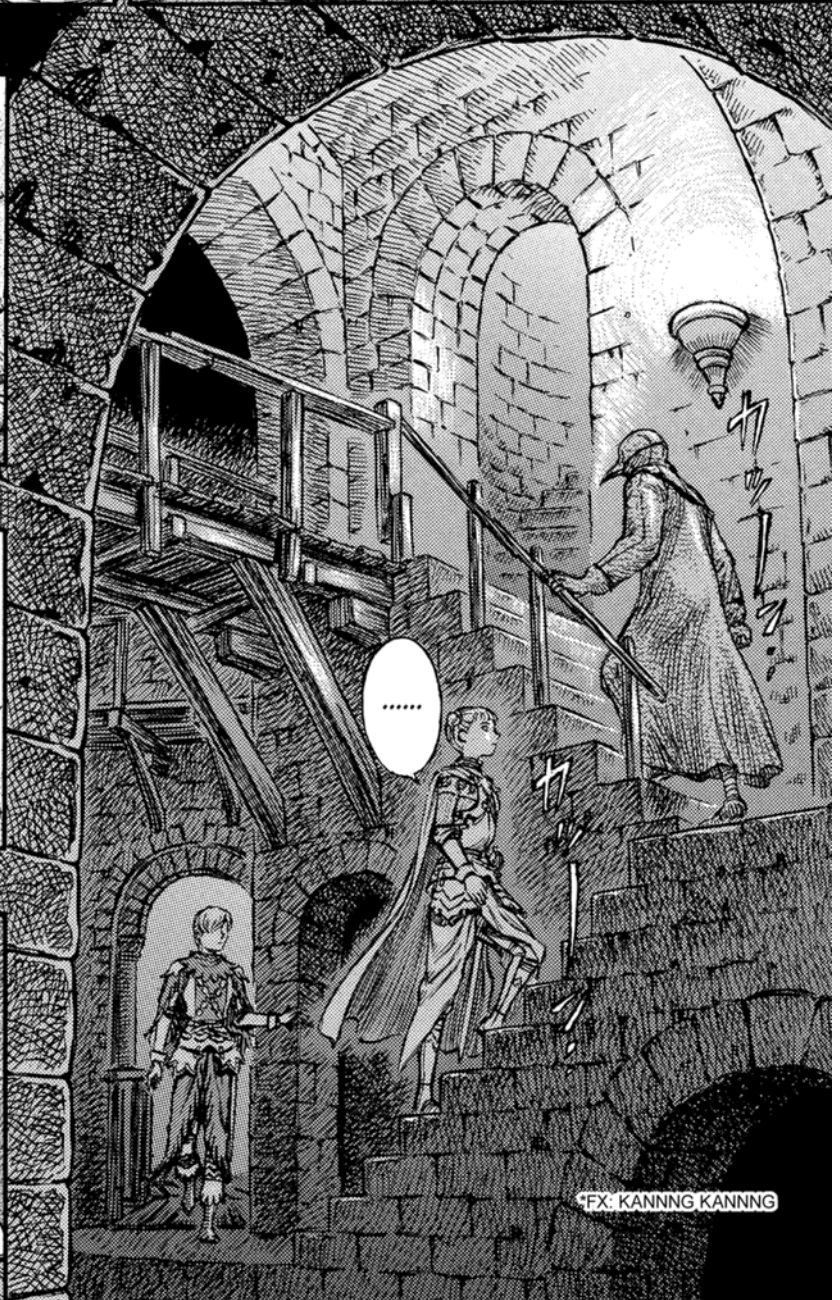
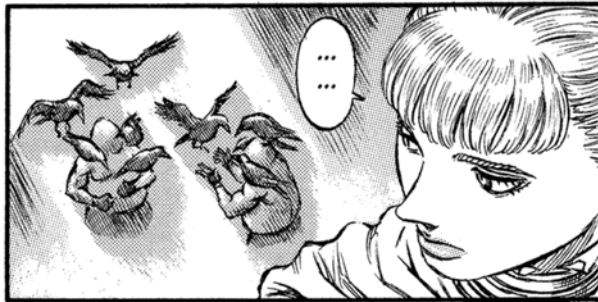
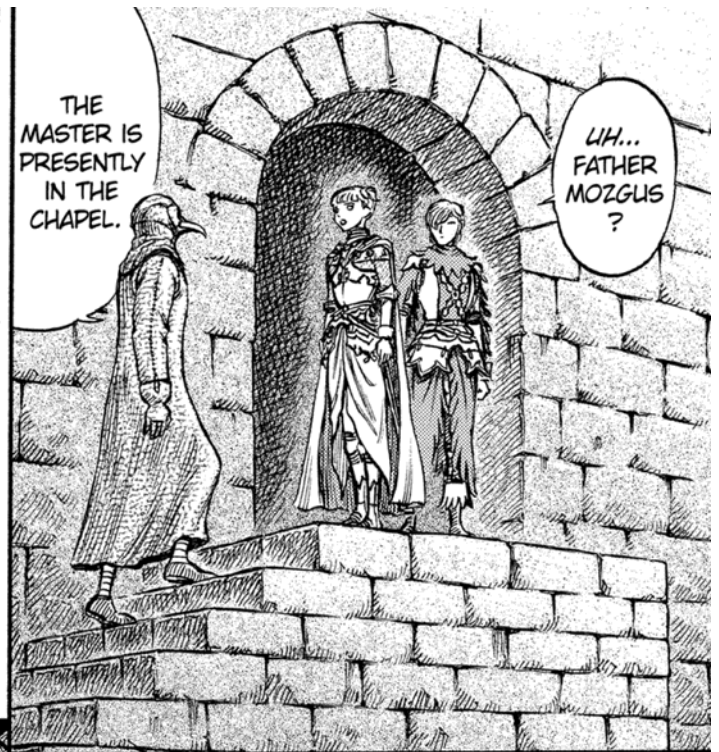
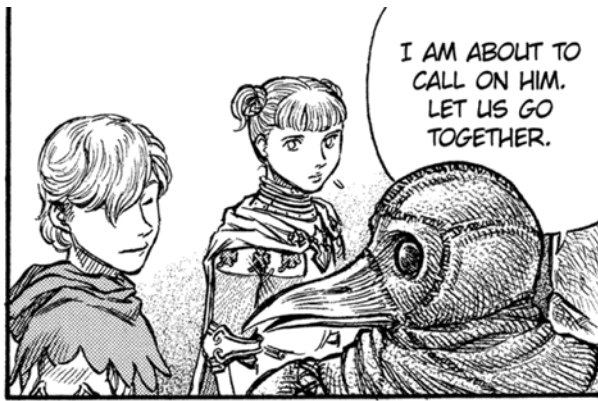
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*FX: KWAAA





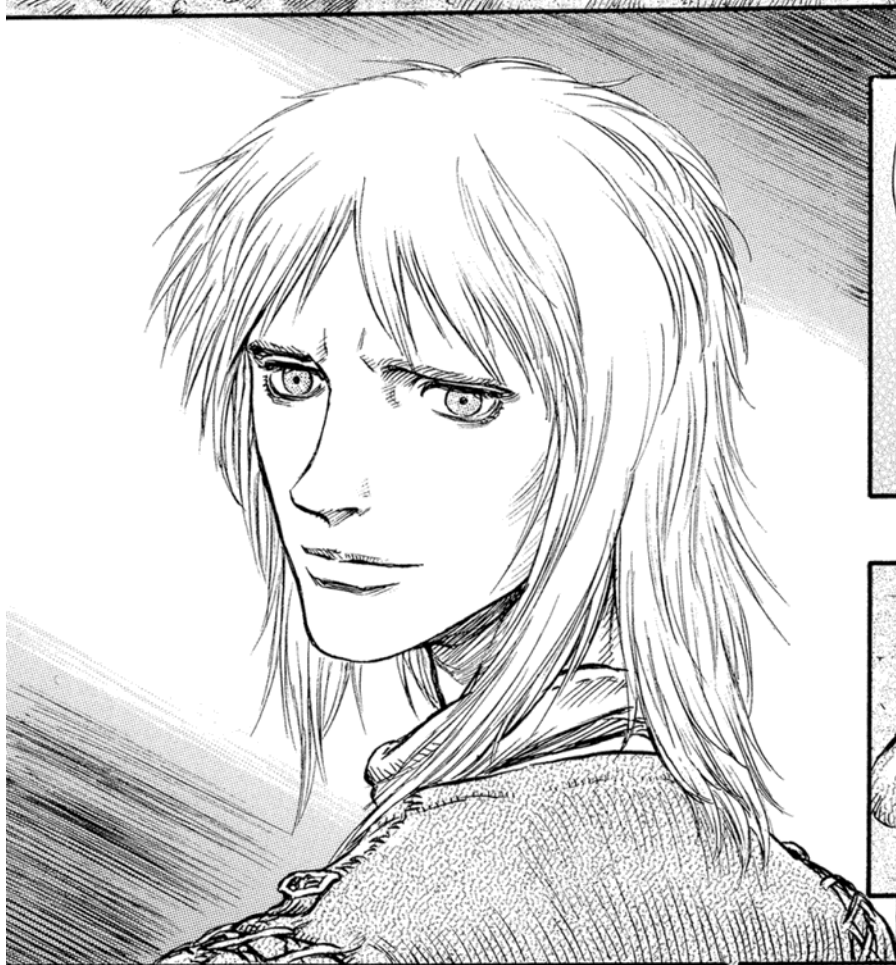


"WE HAVE BEEN CHASED FROM VILLAGES AND TOWNS, SOLD TO CIRCUSES, AND SOME AMONG US HAVE LIVED SECRETLY IN FORESTS, LOATHED AS MONSTERS."

"WE HAVE EACH BEEN CRUELLY PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF OUR APPEARANCE."



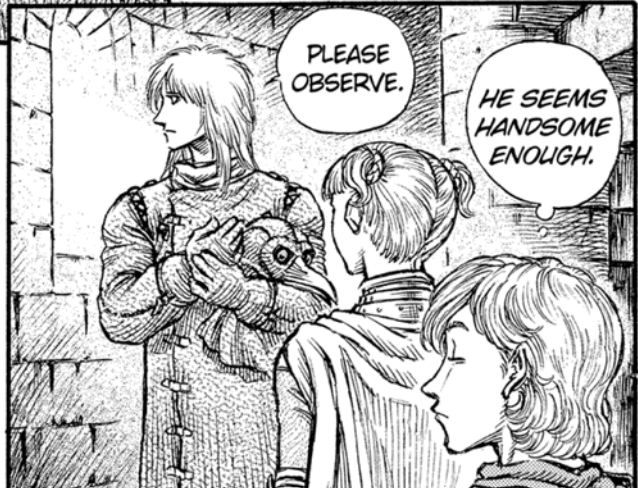
THEY ARE GOOD-NATURED.



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*FX: TSSS



PLEASE OBSERVE.

HE SEEMS HANDSOME ENOUGH.



"...TO A PLACE WHERE MY BURNED, RACKED BODY WOULD BE SEEN BY NONE."

"I WAS DRIVEN FROM MY VILLAGE AND THE WORLD OF MEN..."

"CURSING THIS WORLD, I SOUGHT TO ROT AWAY, ALONE WITHIN THE HOLLOW OF A TREE BY THE WAYSIDE."



MY CONSTITUTION IS ALSO WEAK, AND WITHOUT THIS MASK I WOULD MOST LIKELY SUCCLUMB TO CONTAGION WITHIN THREE DAYS.

I HAVE HAD THIS AILMENT SINCE BIRTH. WHEN IN CONTACT WITH SUNLIGHT, MY SKIN BECOMES INFLAMED AS IF IT HAD BEEN SCALDED...



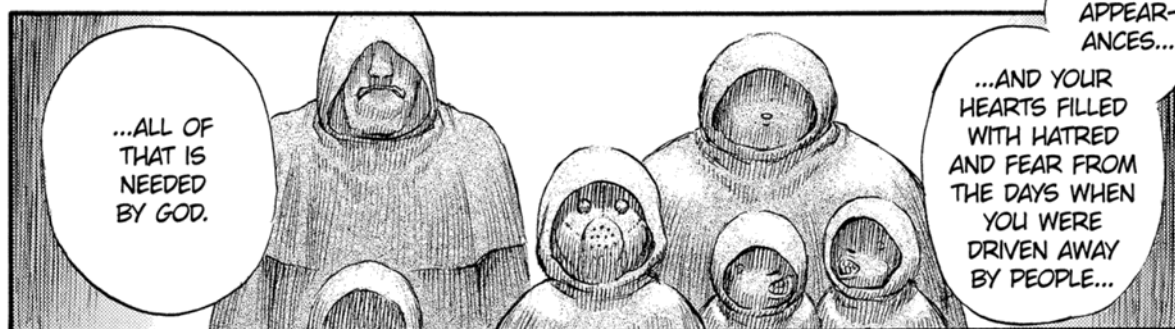
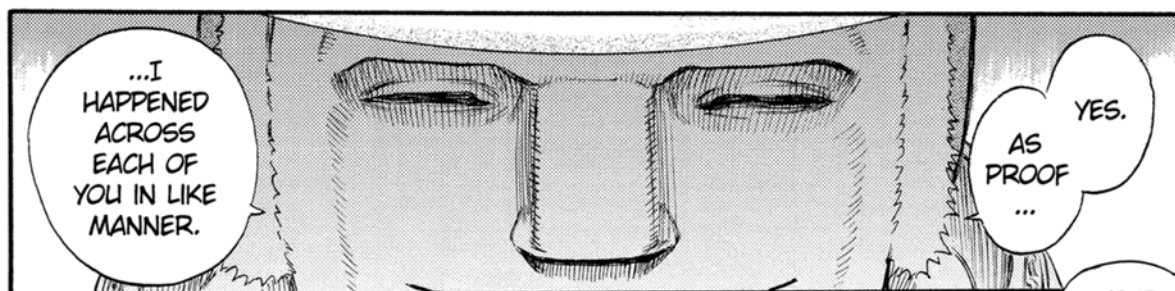
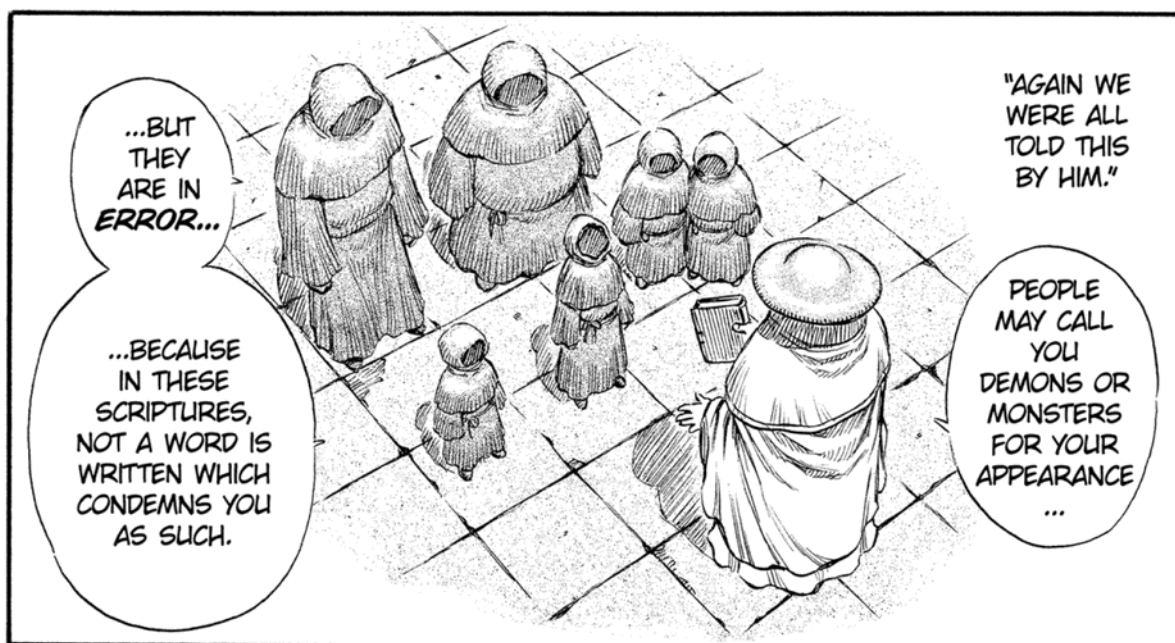
"IT WAS THEN THAT I HAPPENED TO MEET FATHER MOZGLIS."

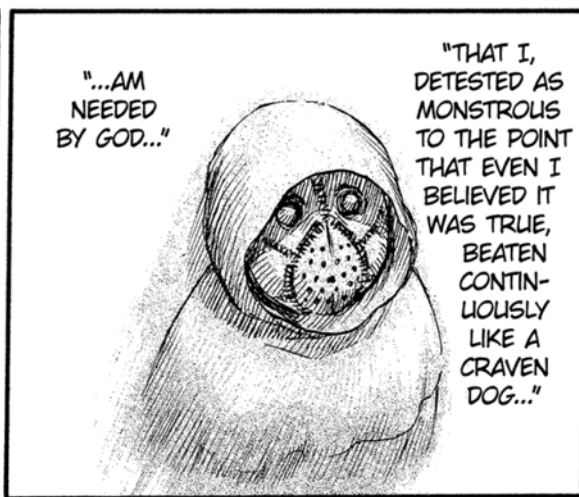
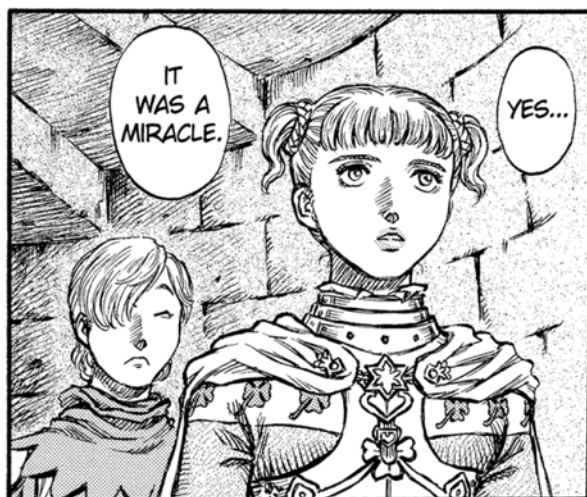
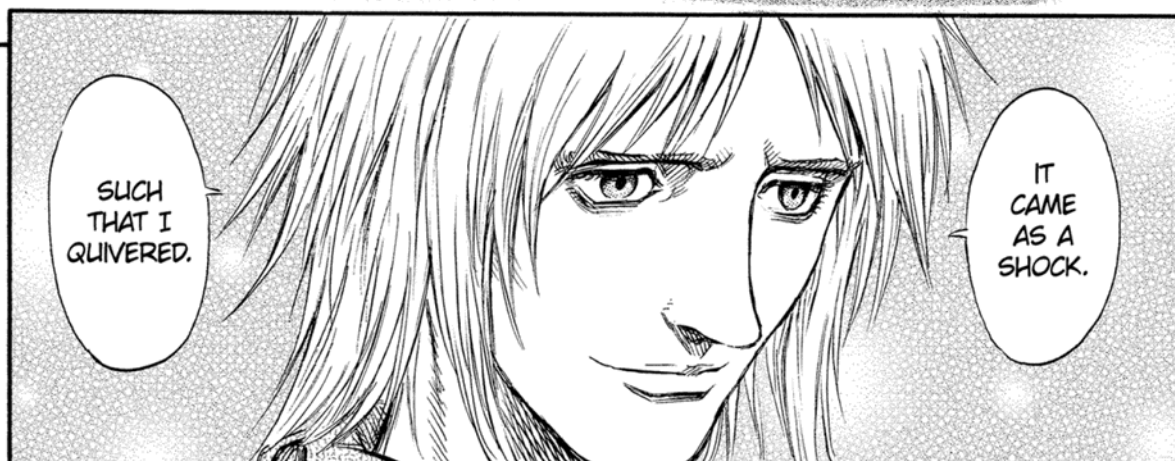
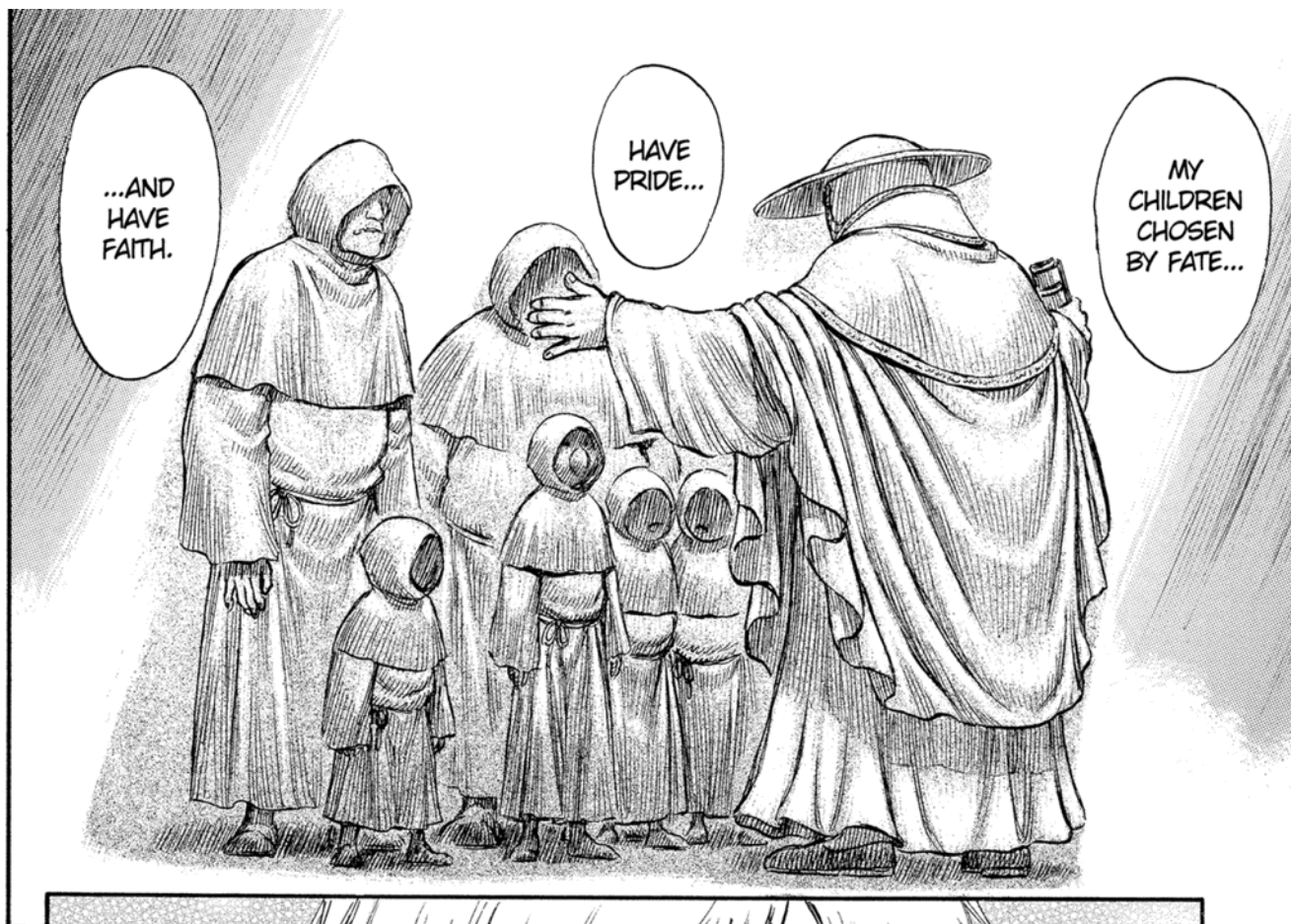


"...SAID THE MASTER AS HE COVERED ME WITH HIS ROBE AND AFFECTIONATELY BLOCKED THE LIGHT OF THE SUN."



LORD GOD...
...I GIVE THANKS FOR THIS FATED ENCOUNTER.







NEITHER
CAN I COME
TO ENJOY
HURTING
PEOPLE.

I FEEL AS
IF I REALLY
HAVE
BECOME A
MONSTER...

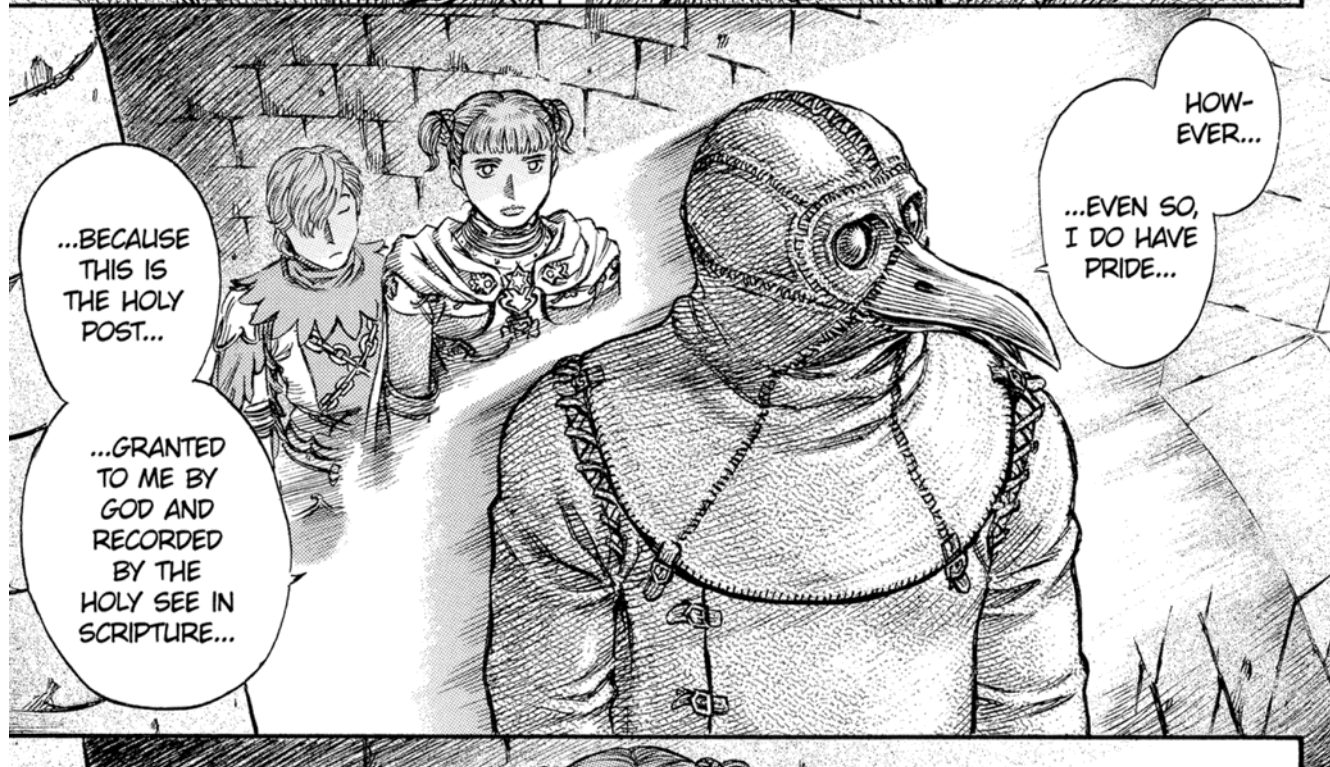
I AM
SHUNNED,
HATED,
AND
FEARED.

I DO NOT
ENJOY THIS
WORK.



...PERHAPS
I COULD NOT
DO THESE
THINGS TO
PEOPLE IF I
WERE NOT
SUCH...

WELL...



...BECAUSE
THIS IS
THE HOLY
POST...

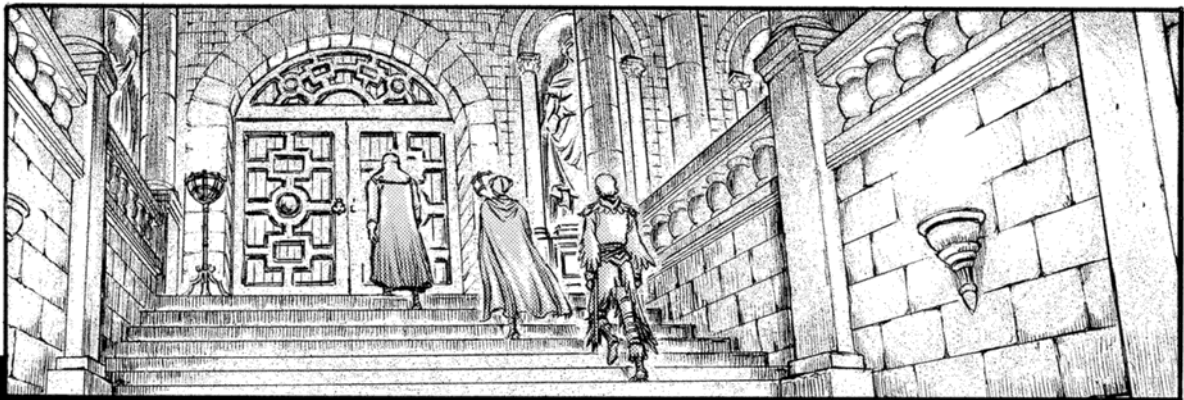
...GRANTED
TO ME BY
GOD AND
RECORDED
BY THE
HOLY SEE IN
SCRIPTURE...

HOW-
EVER...

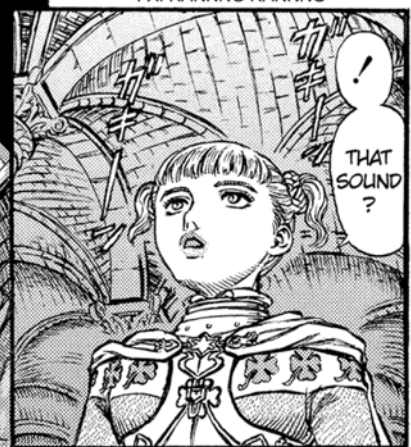
...EVEN SO,
I DO HAVE
PRIDE...



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*FX: KANNNG KANNNG



*FX: KONNNG *FX: GREEE *FX: KONNNG

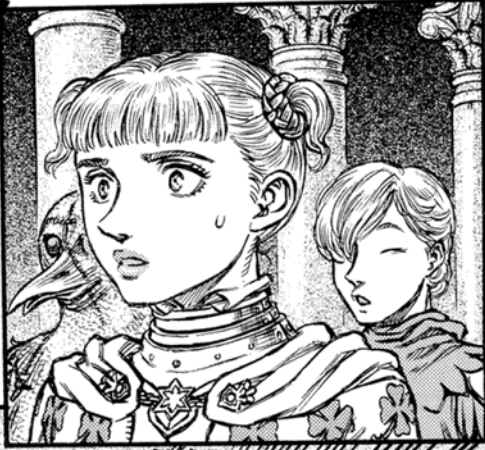




*FX: KONG

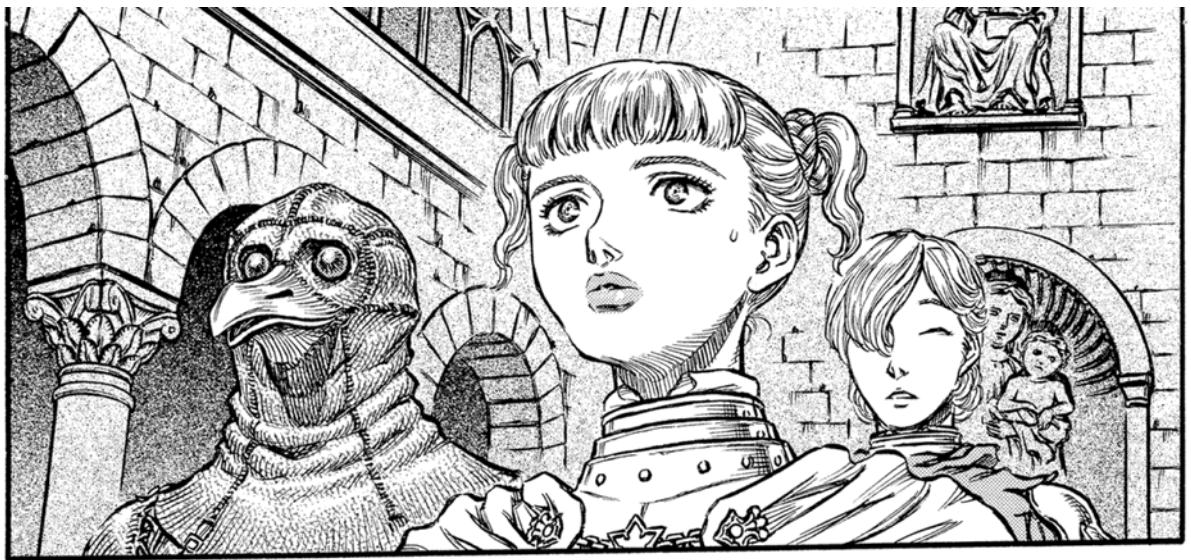


*FX: GONNNG



*WHOOMP

BERSERK



*FX: KROCK



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*WHOOMP

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FIERCE BELIEVER



*FX: WHOOMP



*FX: KRACK



*FX: WHOOMP

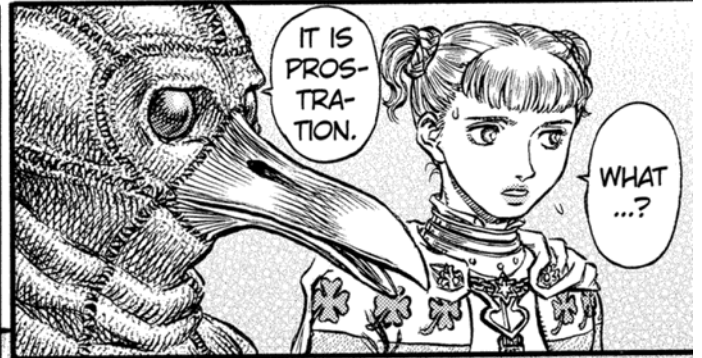


*FX: GONNG



...AND
NIGHT, A
THOUSAND
TIMES A
DAY.

FATHER
MOZGLUS
REPEATS
IT MORN-
ING...



IT IS
PROS-
TRA-
TION.

WHAT
...?

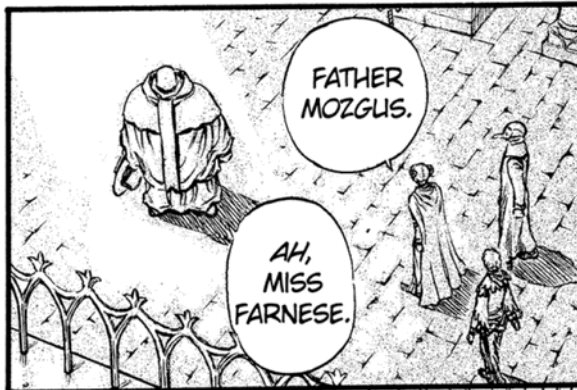


...OF
THROWING
HIMSELF
DOWN IN
PRAYER
TO GOD.

AS FAR
AS I KNOW,
IN THE PAST
TEN YEARS
FATHER
MOZGLUS HAS
NOT MISSED
ONE DAY...



*FX: ("sound" of coming to rest)



*FX: SFF





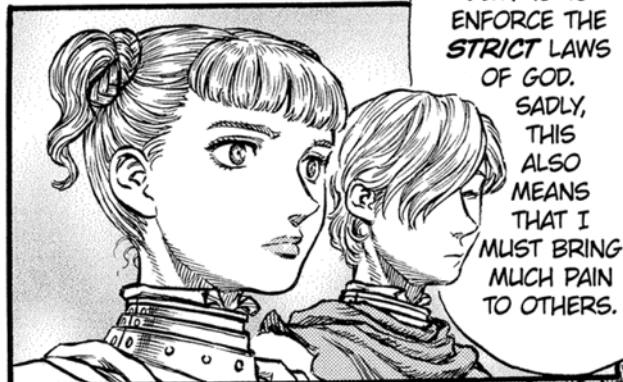
...DEAR
TO ME.

BUT
I HOLD
THIS
PAIN...



THANKS
TO THESE
INJURIES,
I CAN BARELY
WALK...
RUNNING IS
ALREADY
BEYOND ME.

IN A SHORT
TIME THE
SENSATION
WILL RETURN,
ALONG WITH
THE PAIN.



MY SACRED
DUTY IS TO
ENFORCE THE
STRICT LAWS
OF GOD.
SADLY,
THIS
ALSO
MEANS
THAT I
MUST BRING
MUCH PAIN
TO OTHERS.



TO ME
THESE
WOUNDS
ARE
PRECEPTS--
EVIDENCE
OF FAITH.

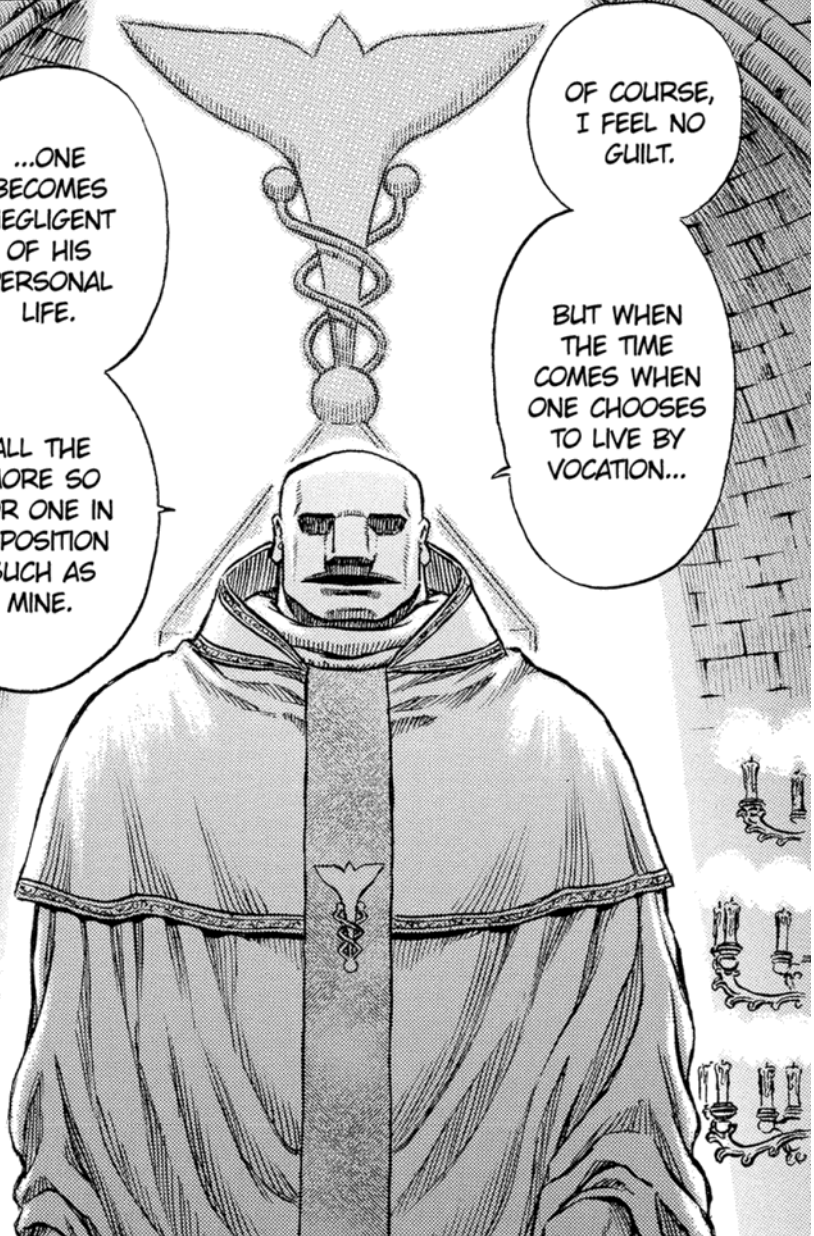
...ONE
BECOMES
NEGLIGENT
OF HIS
PERSONAL
LIFE.

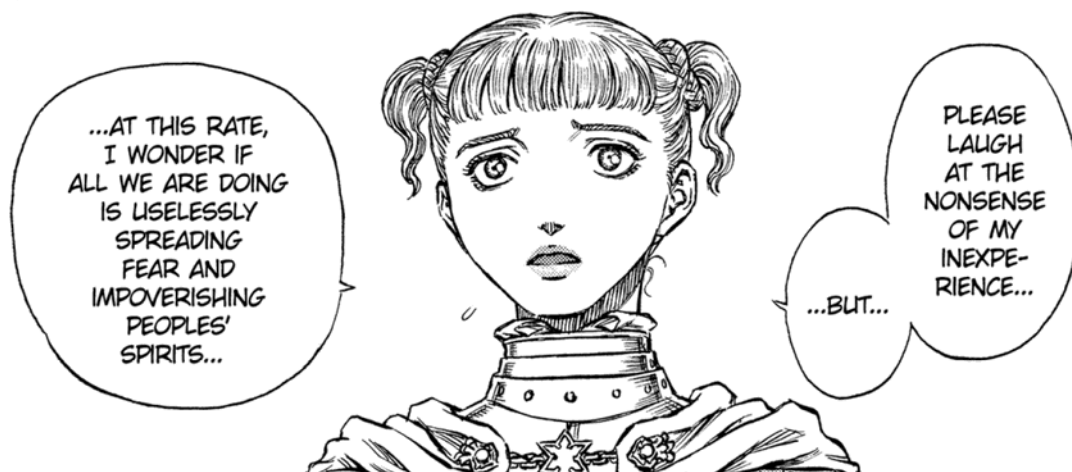
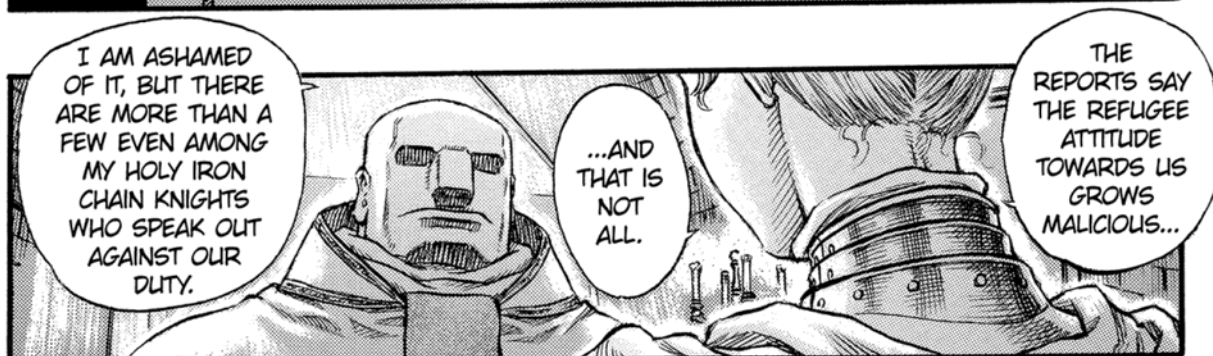
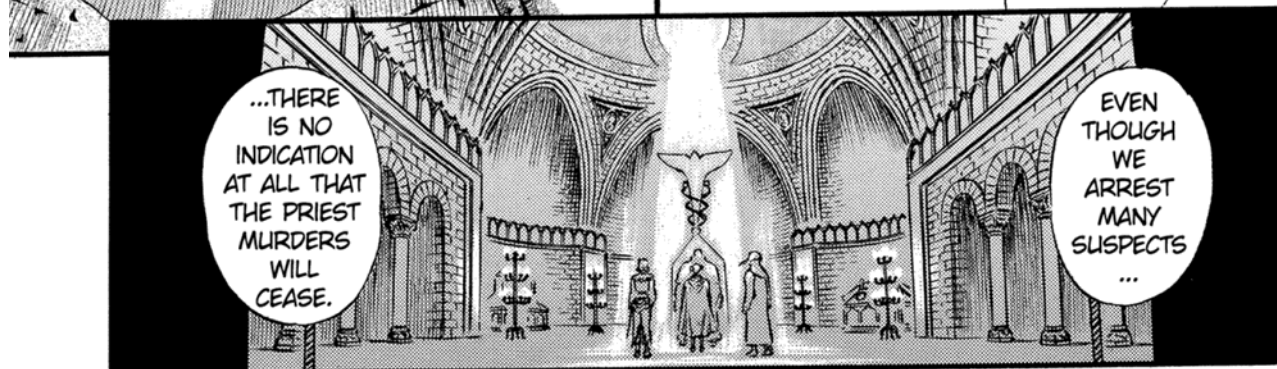
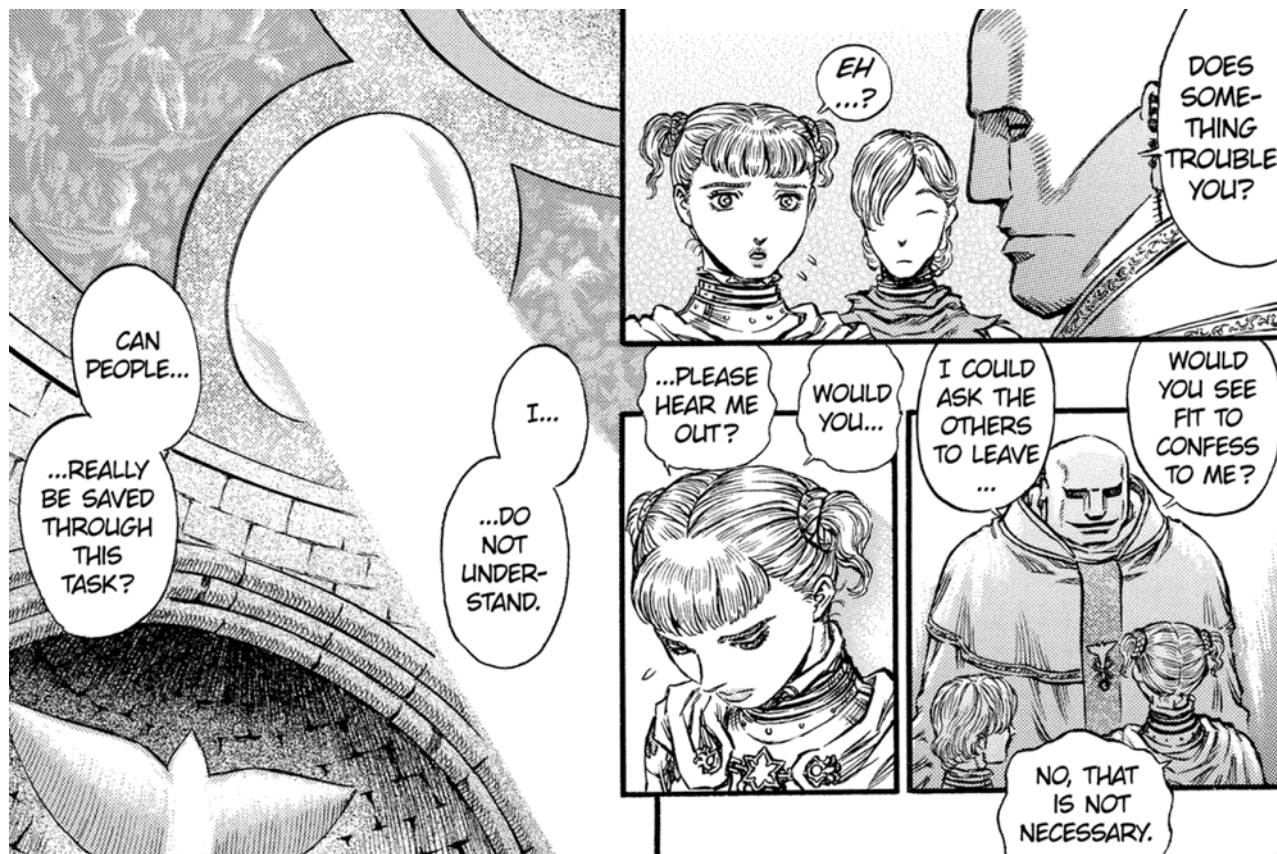
ALL THE
MORE SO
FOR ONE IN
A POSITION
SUCH AS
MINE.

OF COURSE,
I FEEL NO
GUILT.

BUT WHEN
THE TIME
COMES WHEN
ONE CHOOSES
TO LIVE BY
VOCATION...







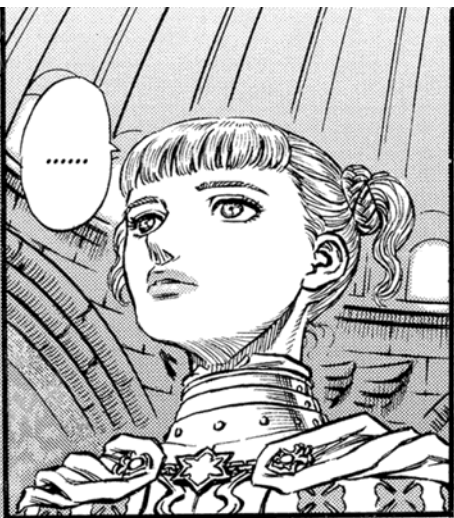




GOD.

FOR GOD,
AND GOD
ALONE...

...DO
WE ACT.

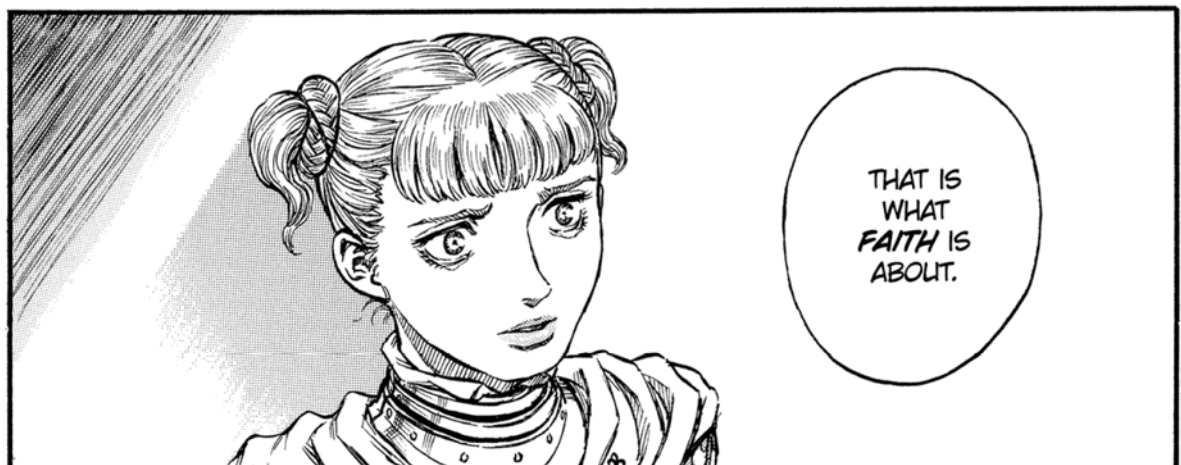
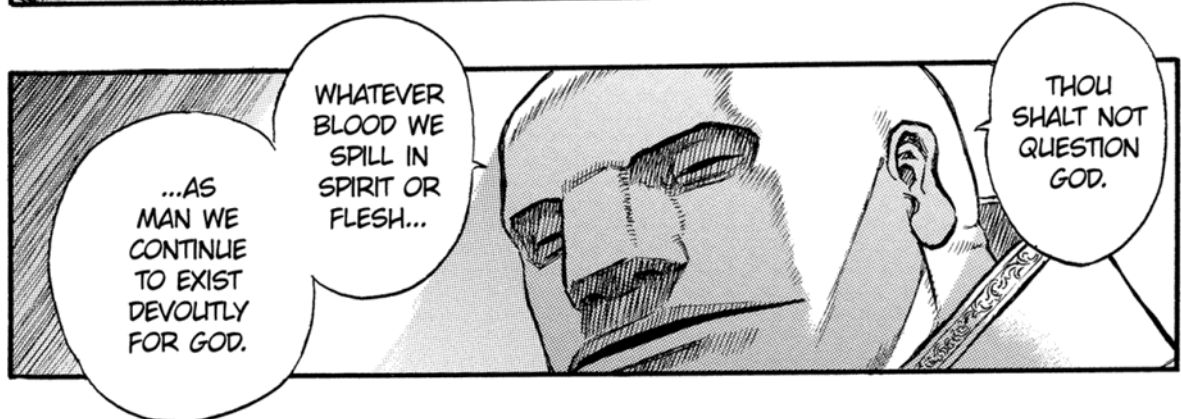


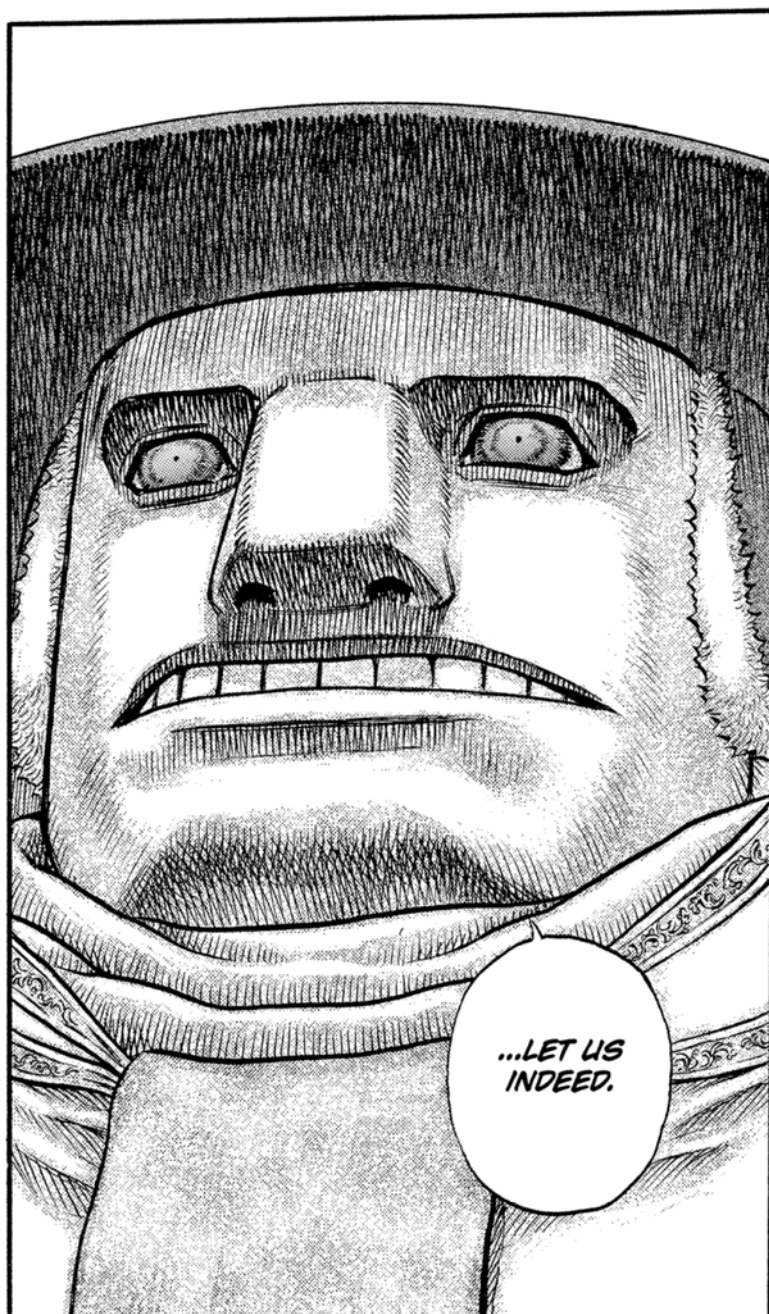
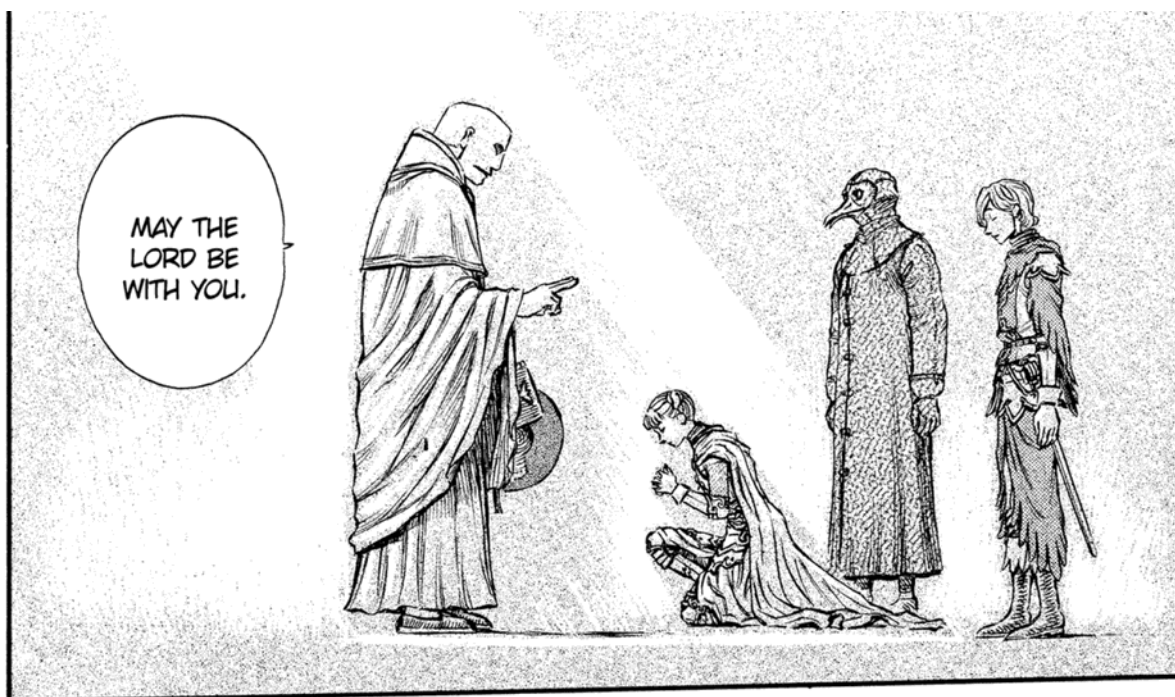
PERHAPS
IT IS ALL
THE MORE
IN GOD'S
HANDS
FOR THAT.

A PERSON
KNOWS
NOT WHAT
SUCCEEDS
IN HELPING.



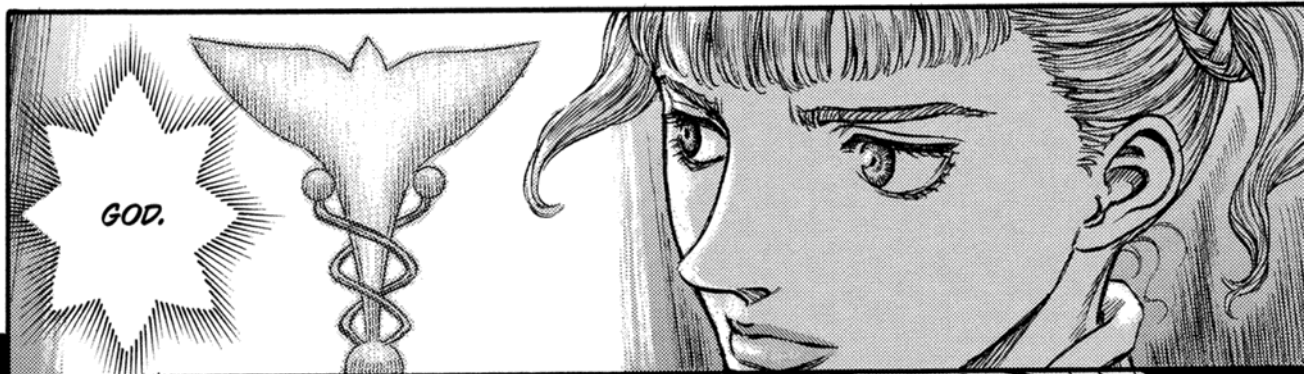
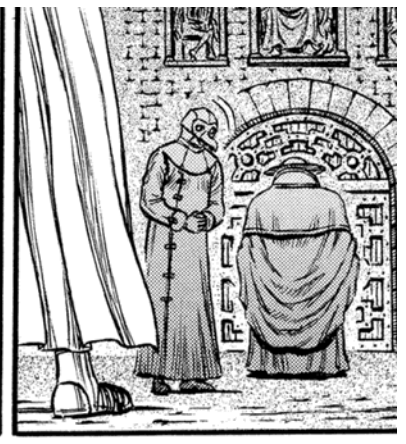
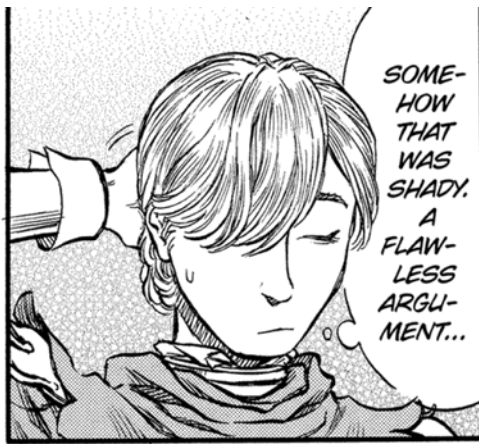
AND MORE THAN ANYTHING,
OUR ACTIONS MUST NOT USE
OURSELVES AS A STANDARD
FOR OTHERS. EVERYTHING IS
WITHIN THESE SCRIPTURES.

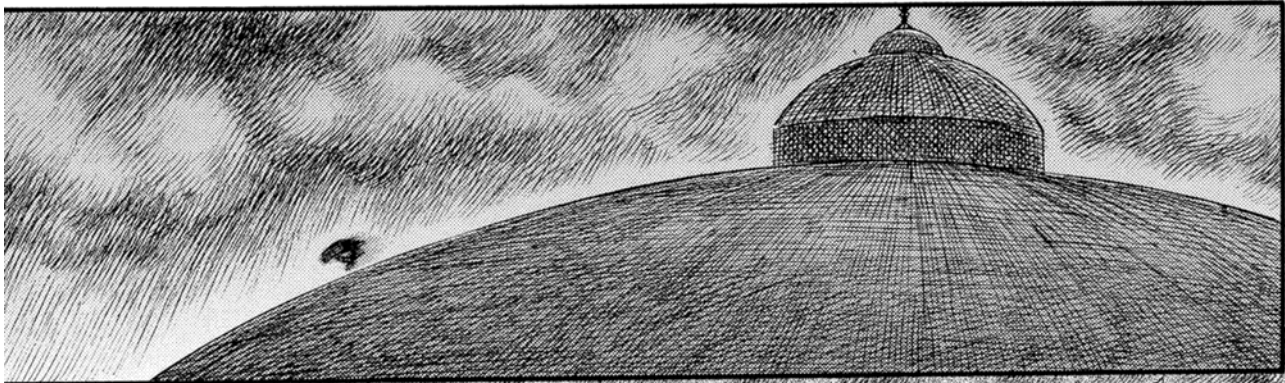
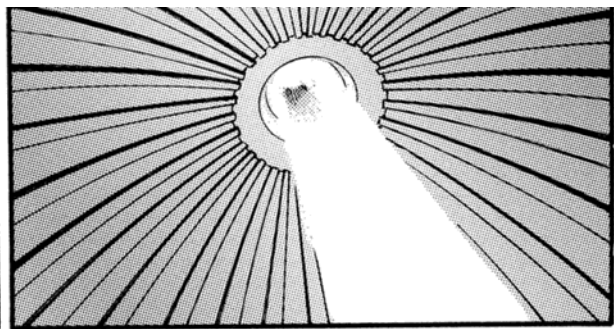
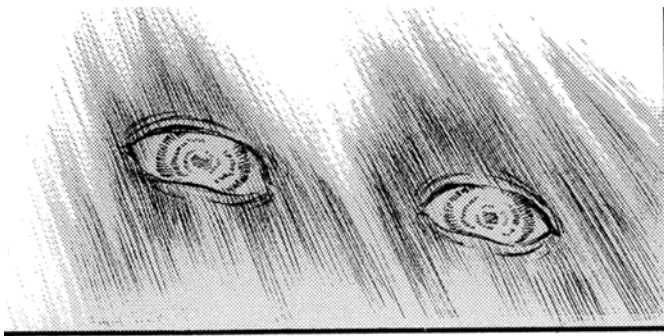




*FX: SKITCH

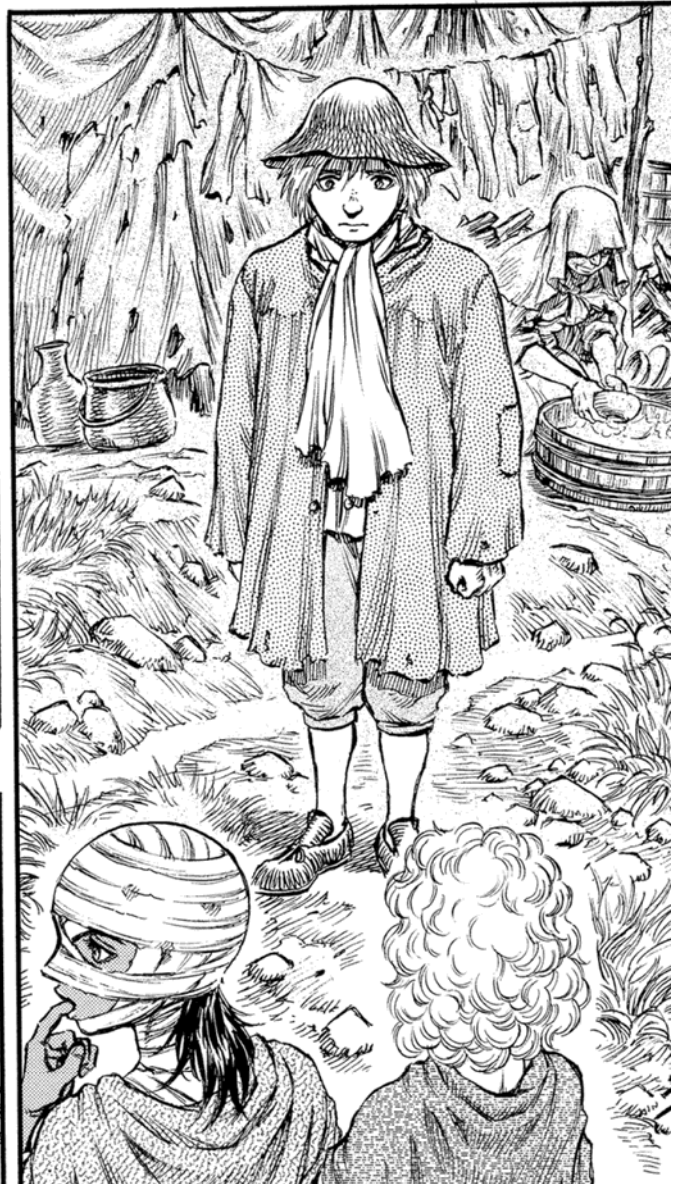
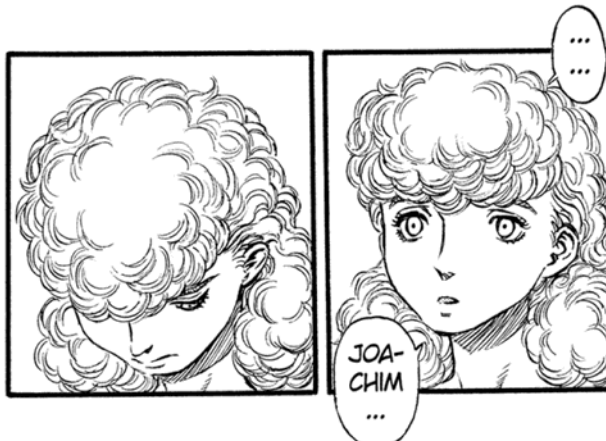
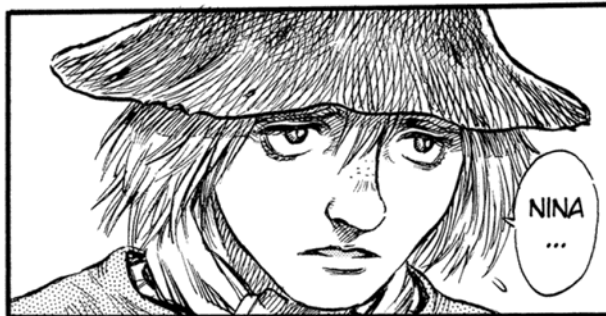


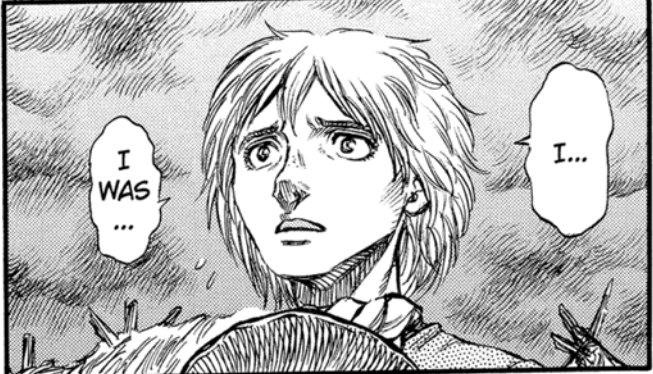
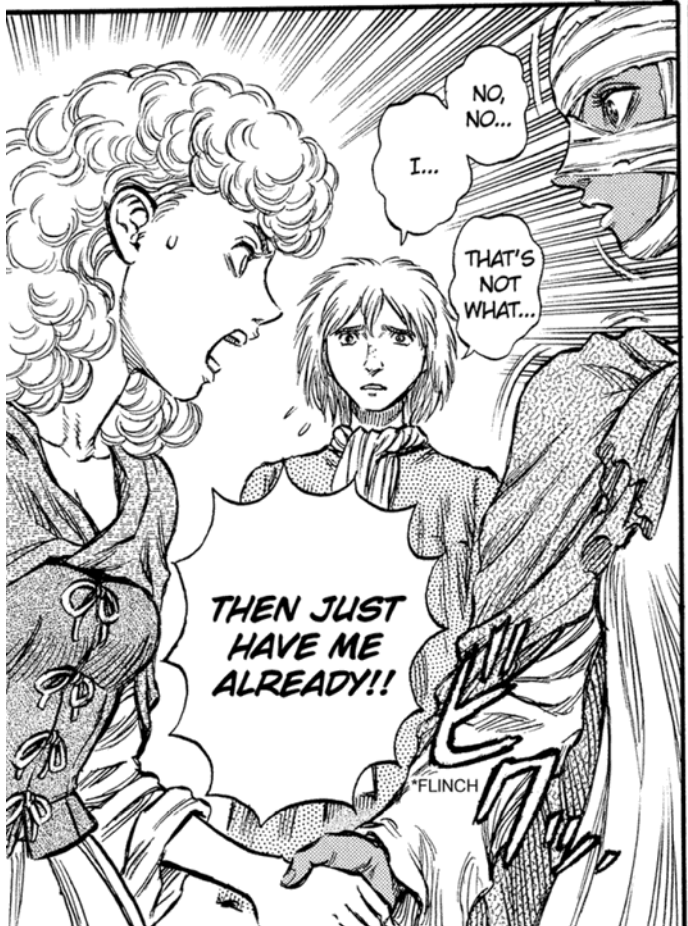
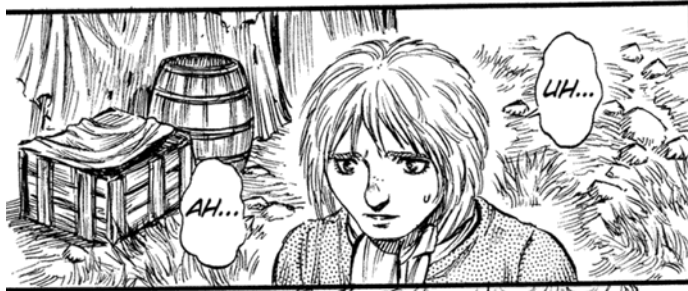
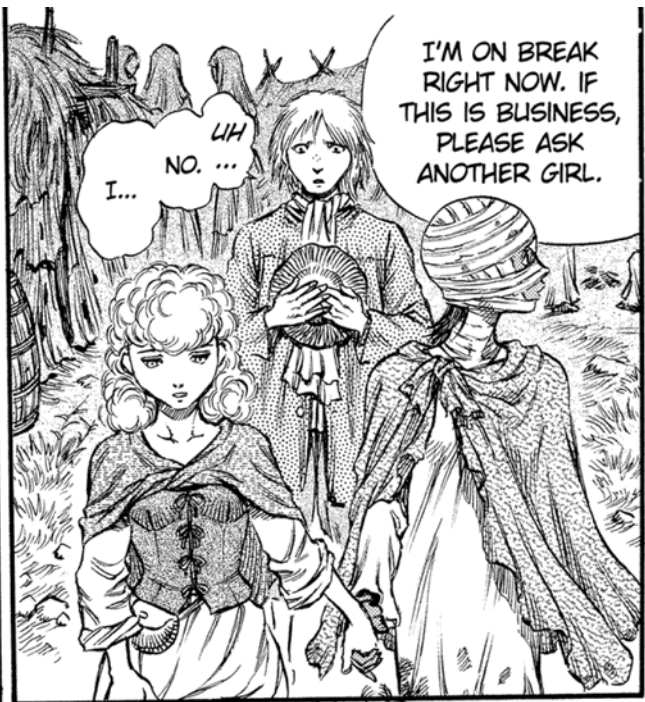


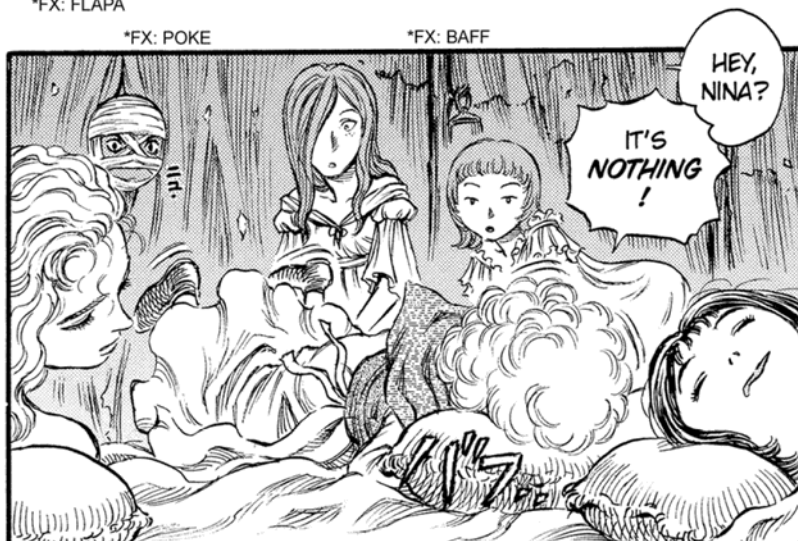
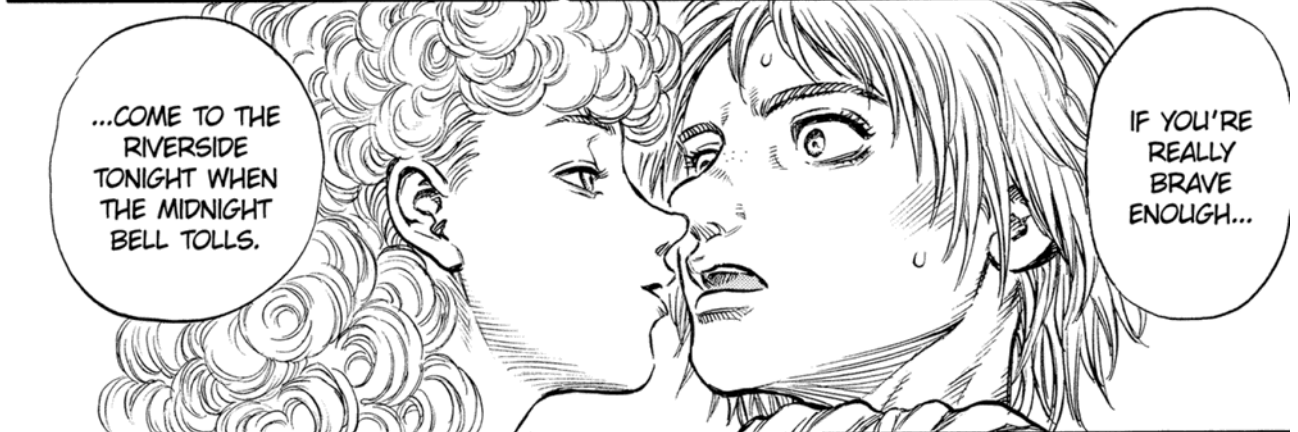
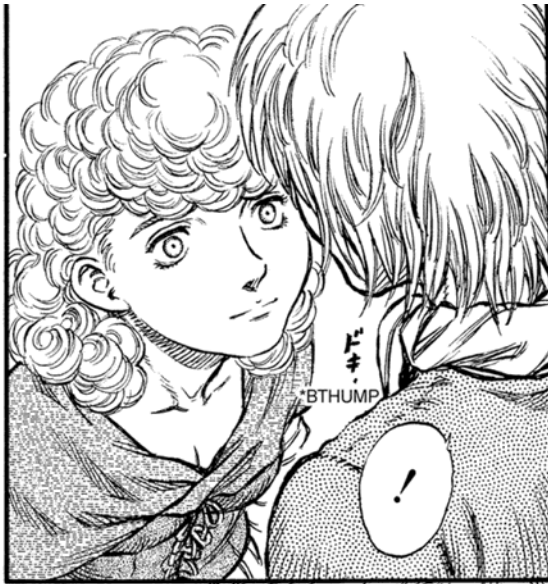




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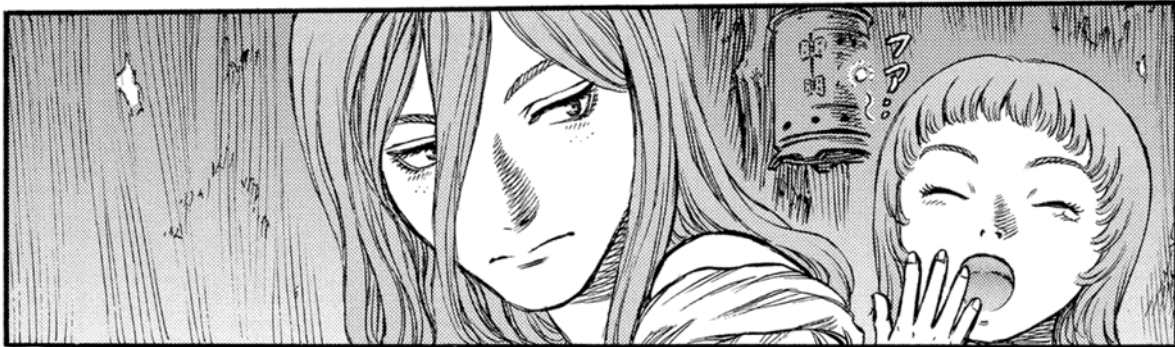


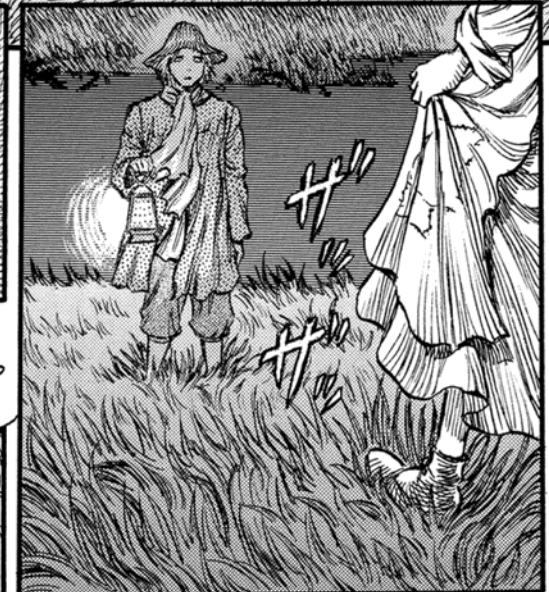






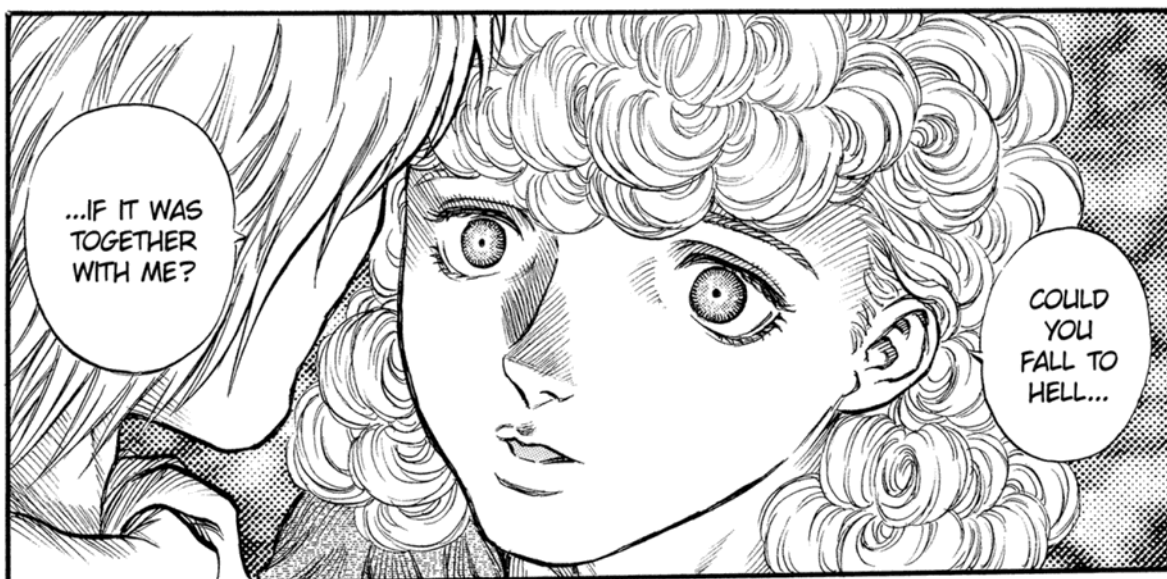
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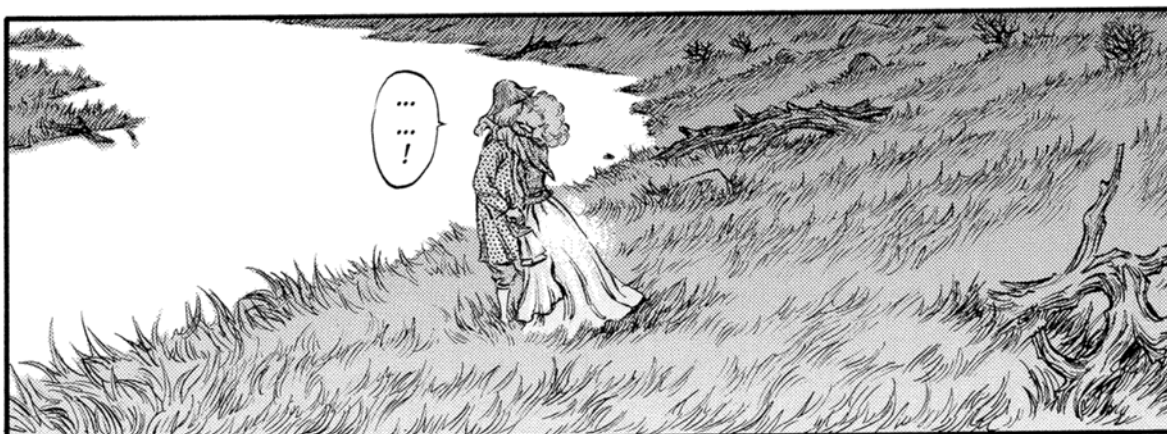
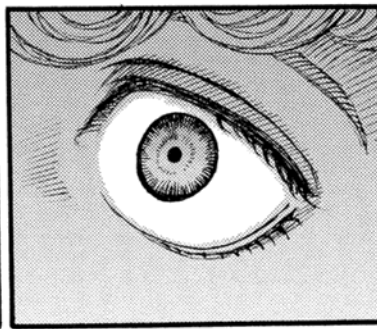


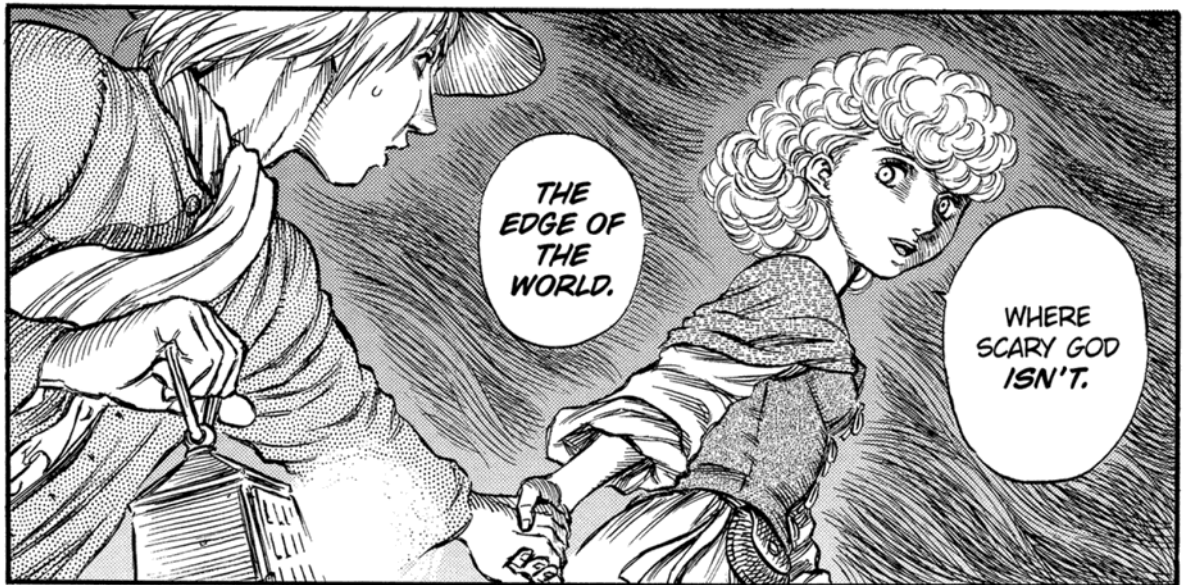
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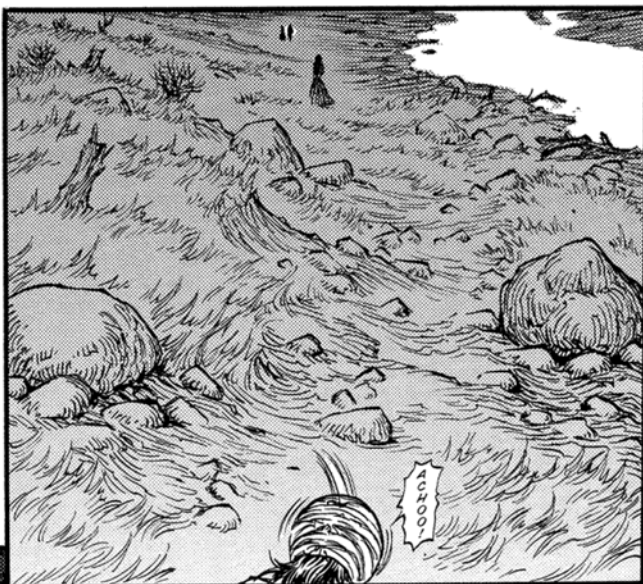




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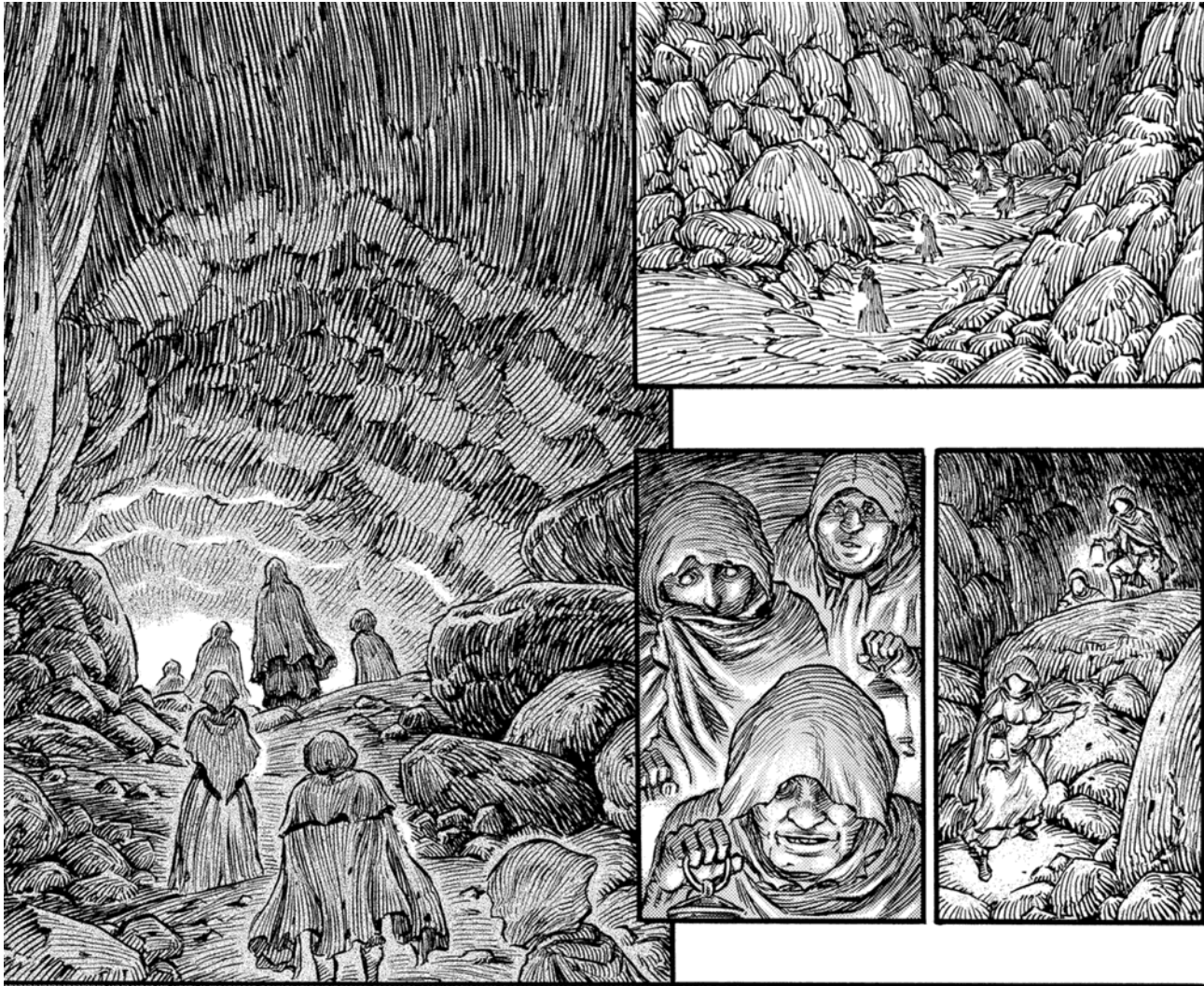




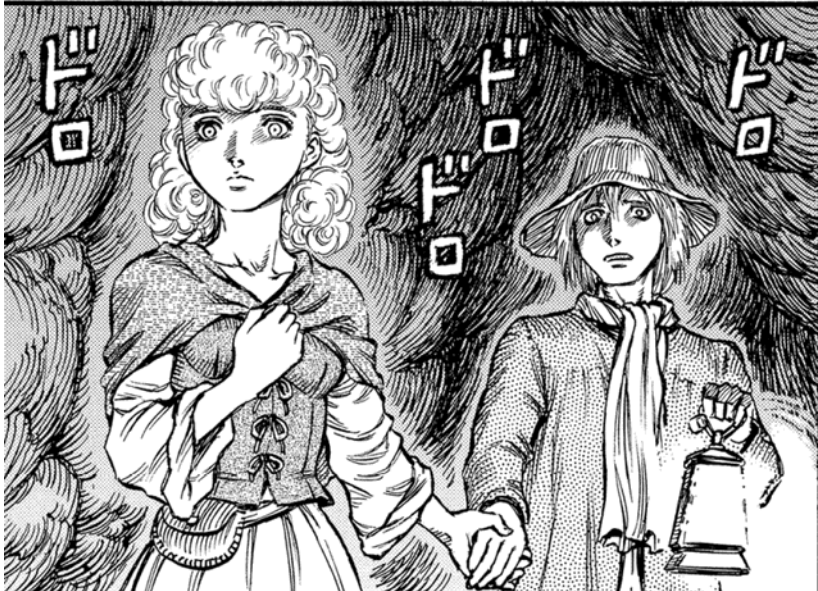




CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
FIERCE BELIEVER: END



*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM

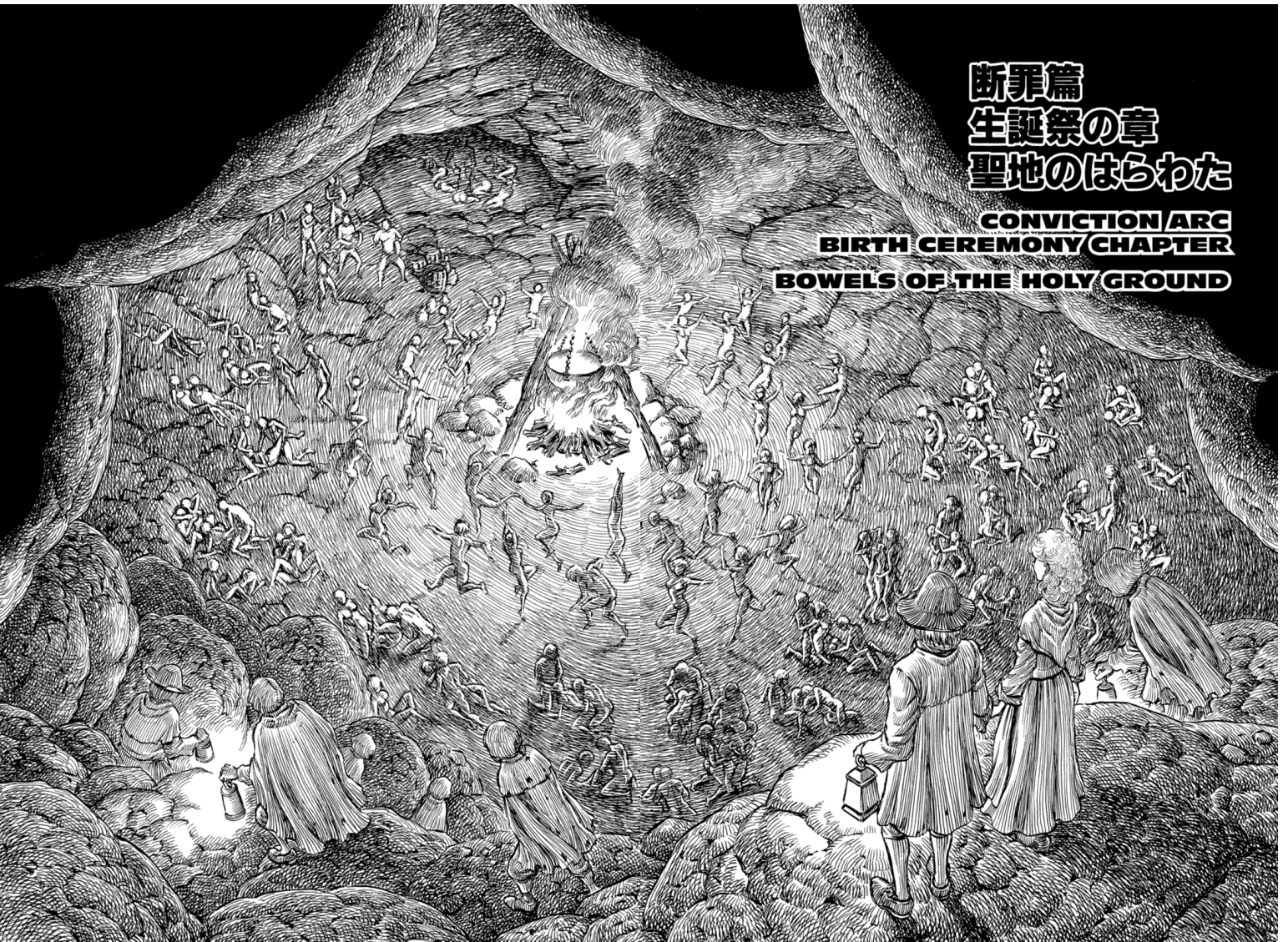


*FX: DROM DROM DROM DROM



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聖地のはらわた

CONVICTION/ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY/CHAPTER
BOWELS OF THE HOLY GROUND





...WITHOUT
SHAPE,
FREE FROM
FEAR AND
ANXIETY.

HUMANS
CANNOT BE
BOUNDLESS...



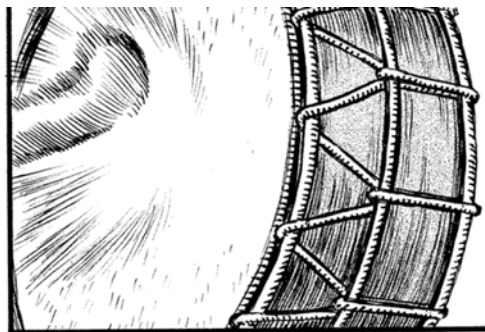
SUCH
CERTAINLY
EXISTED...

BUT
AT THE
BOTTOM
OF THIS
CAVERN...

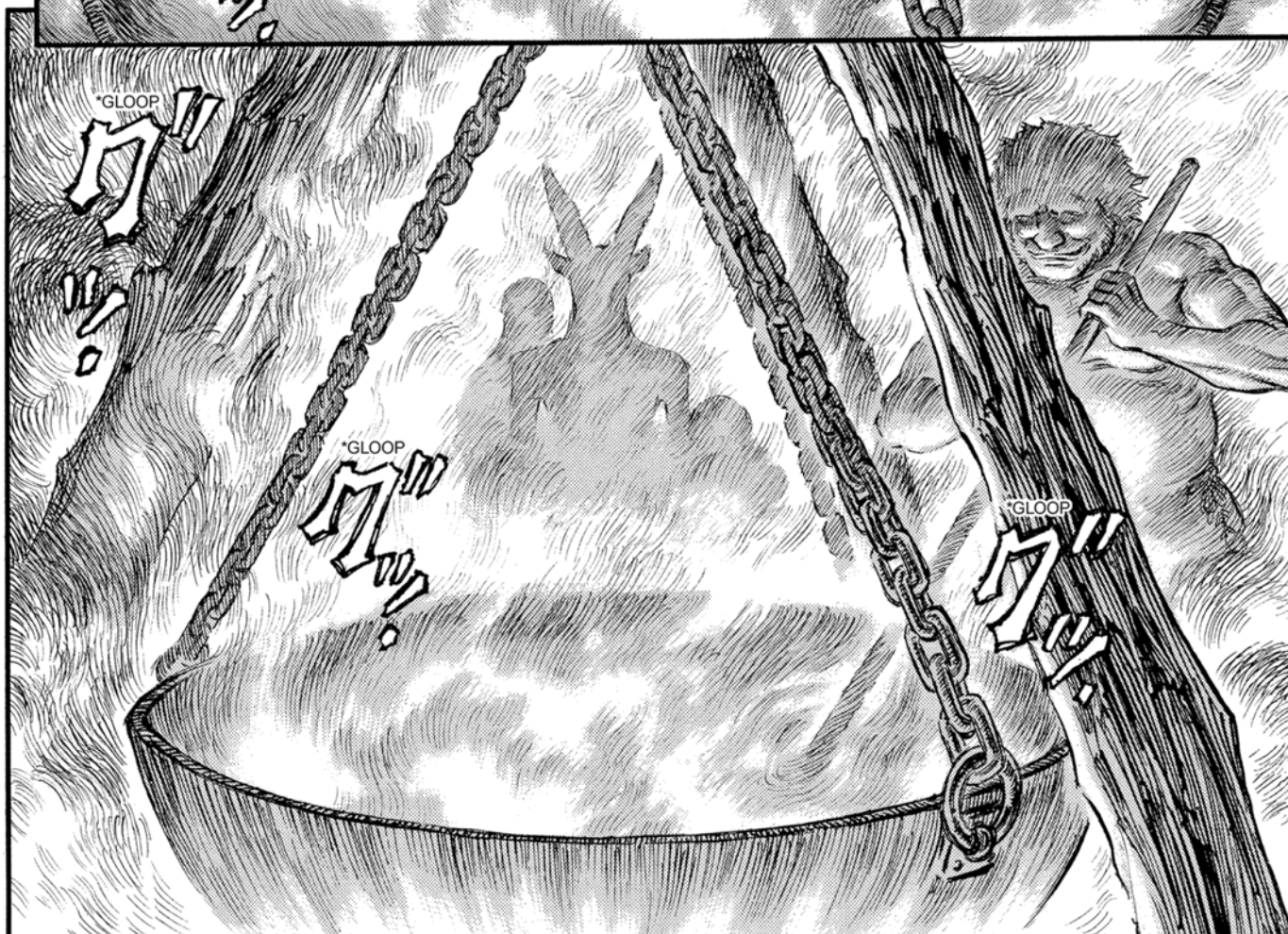


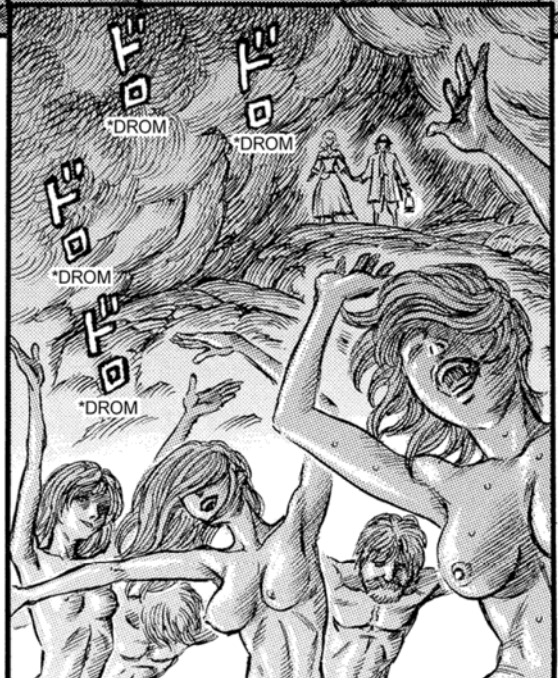
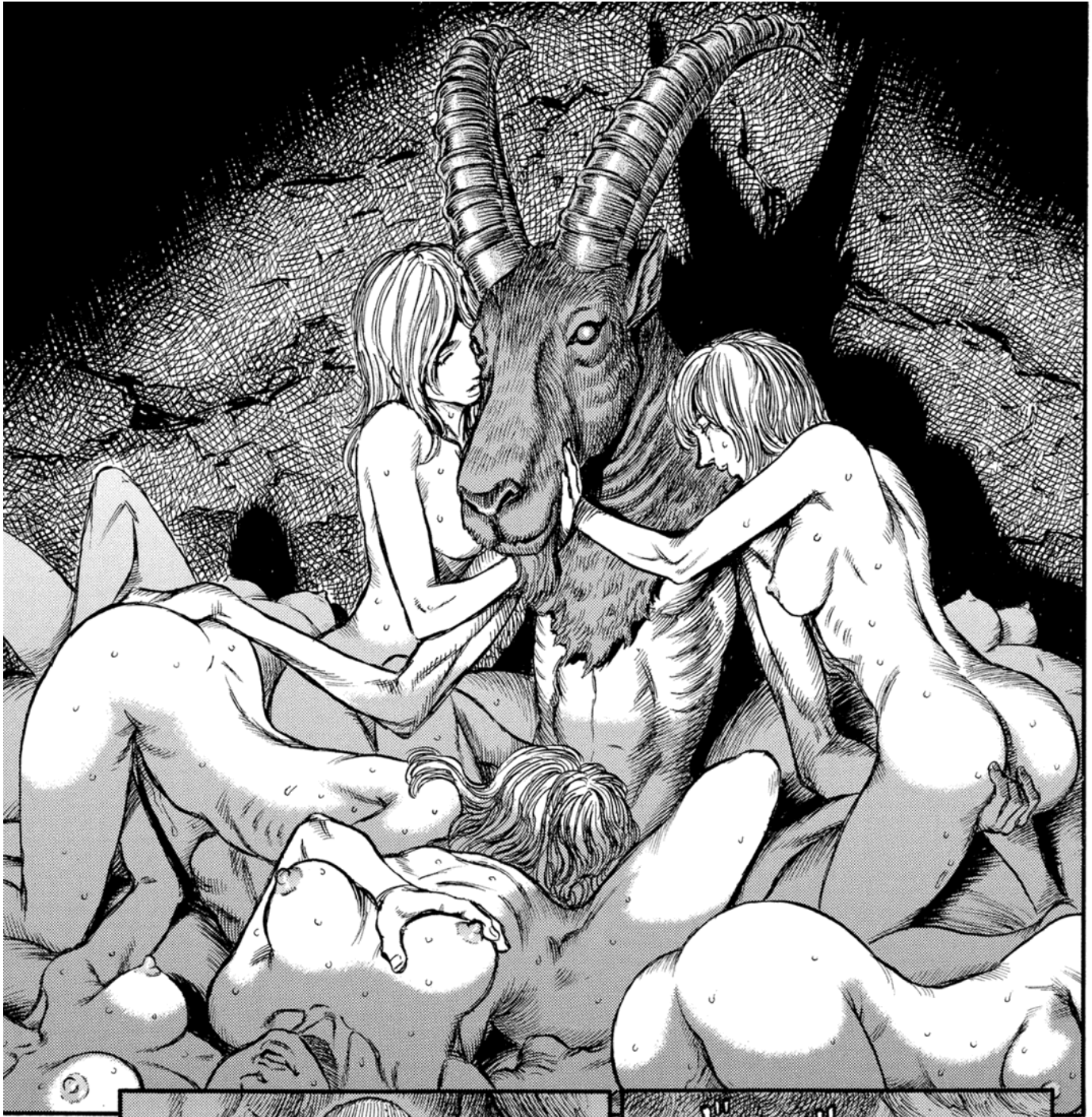
...KNOWN
AS SIN.

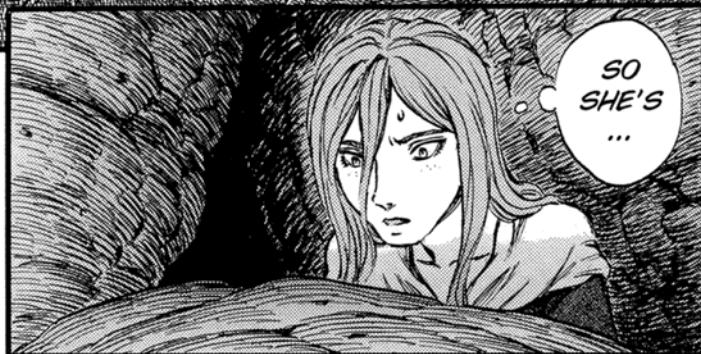
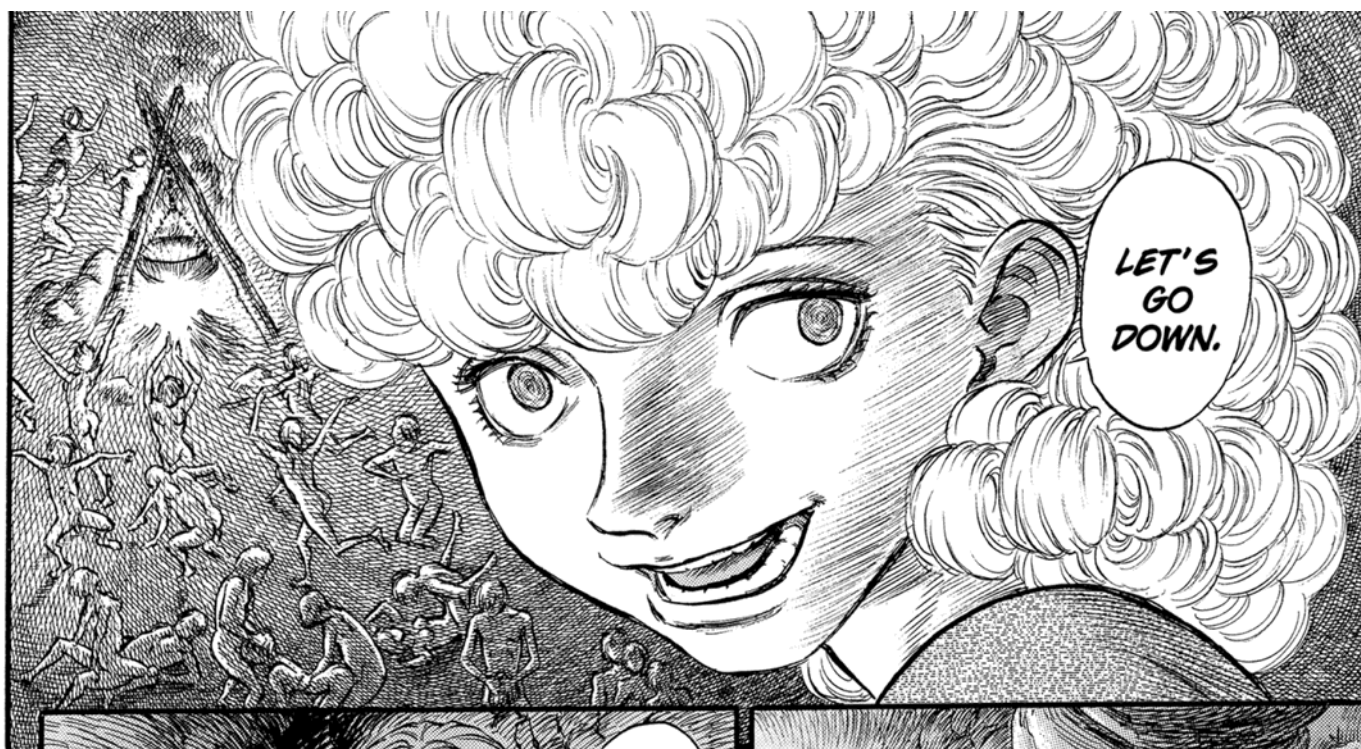
...WAS AN
LINDULATION
OF FLESH...



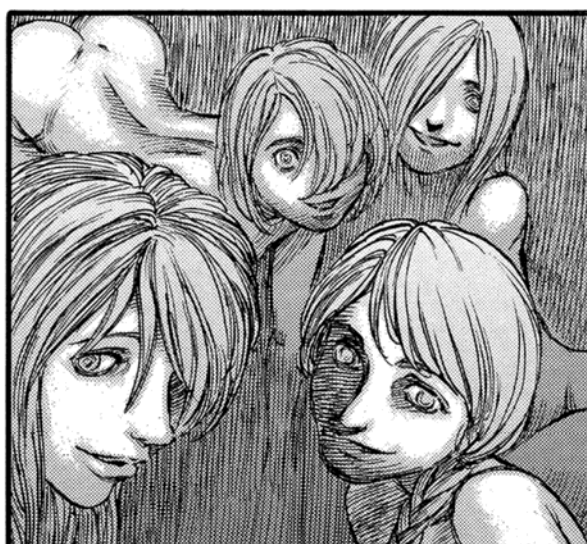
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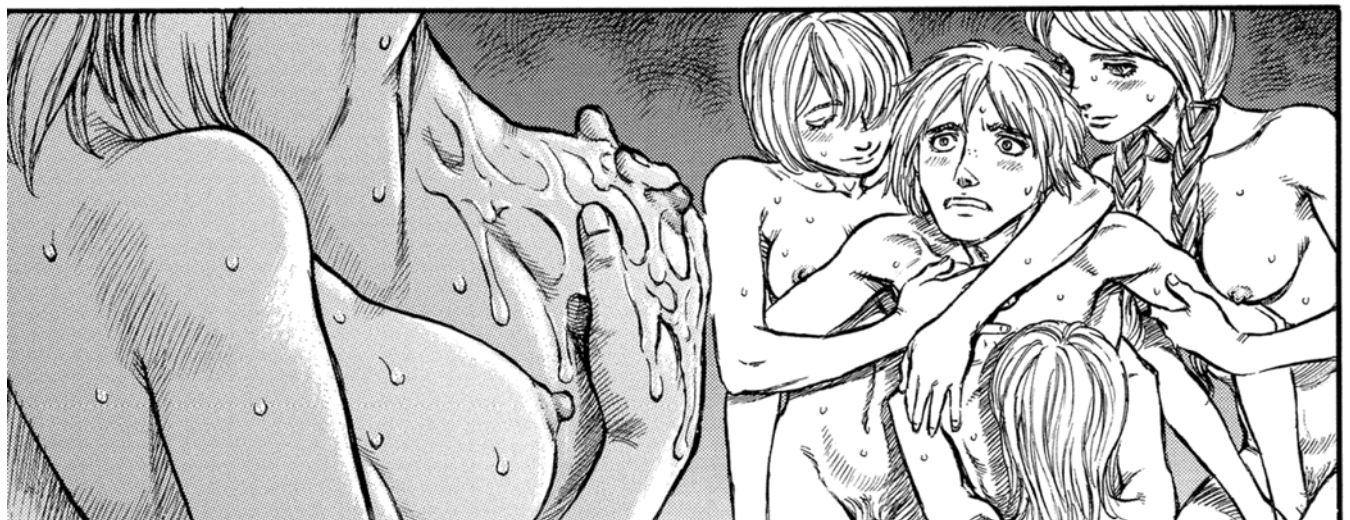
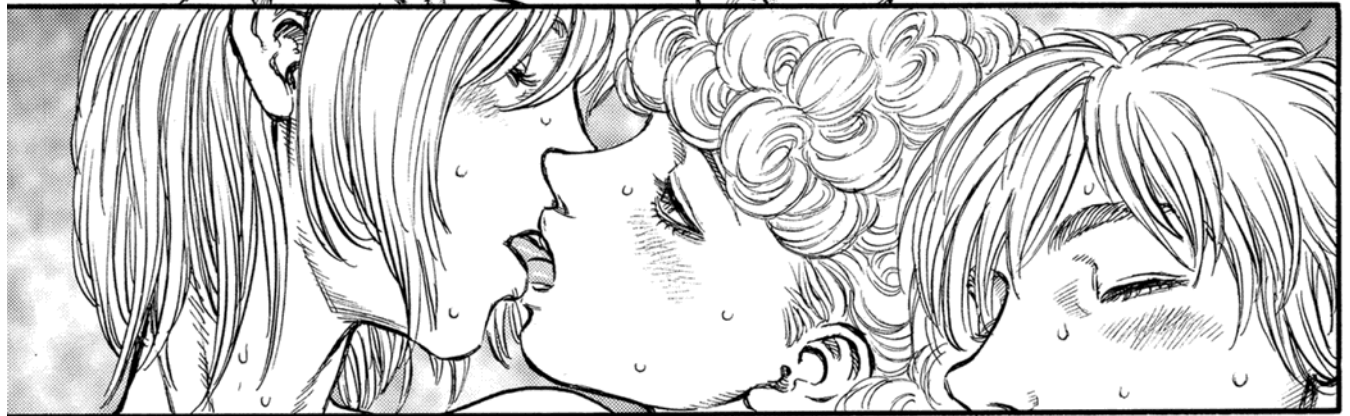
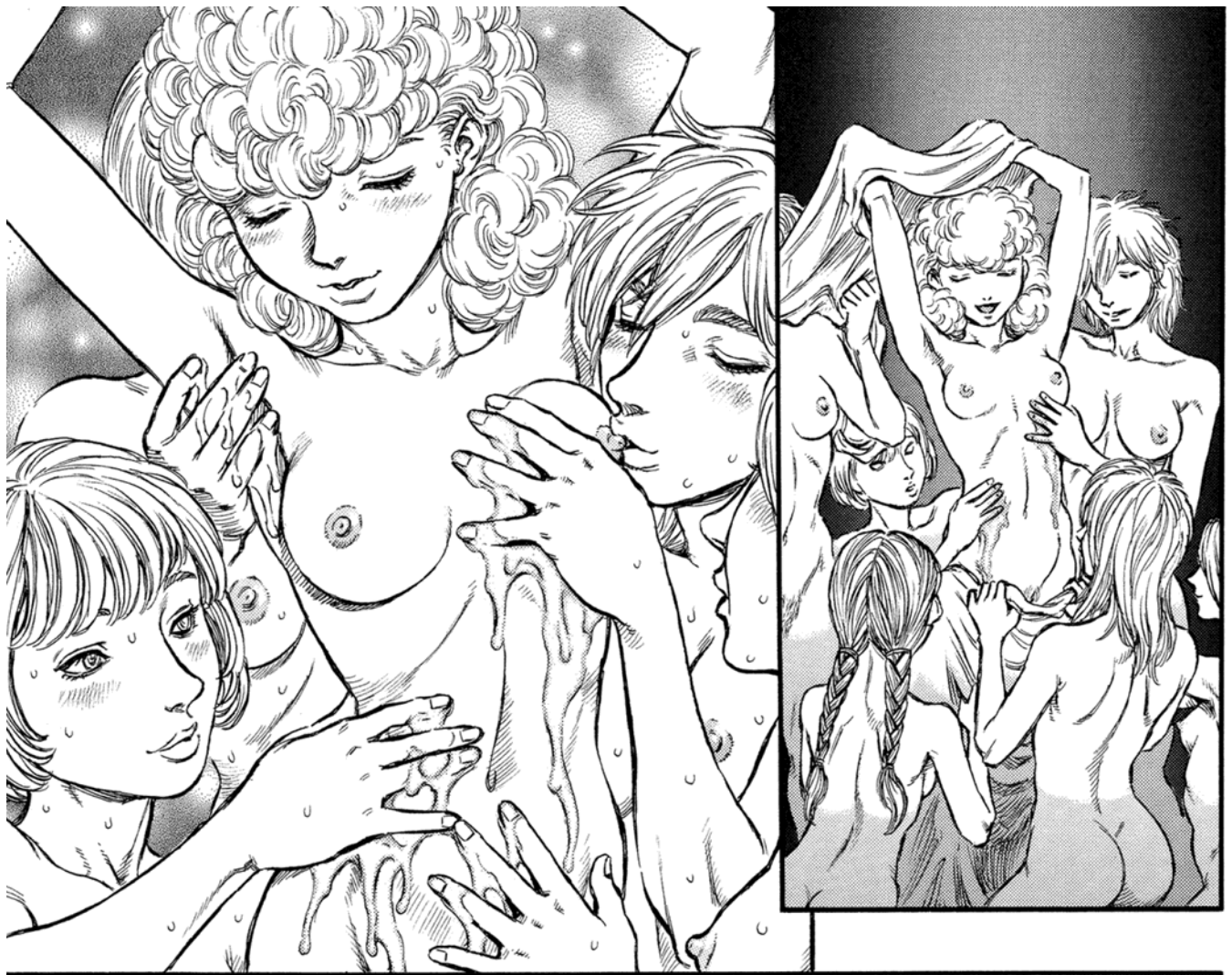


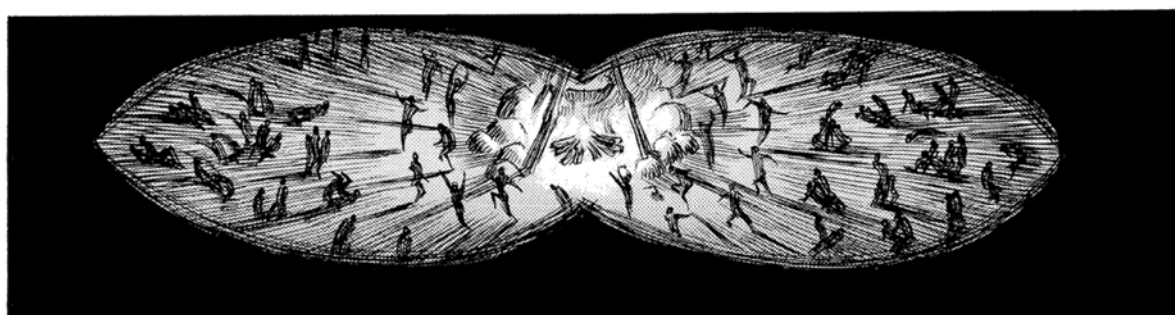
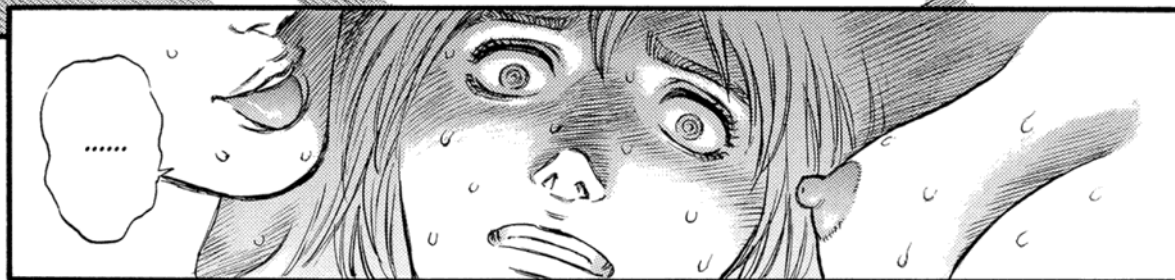
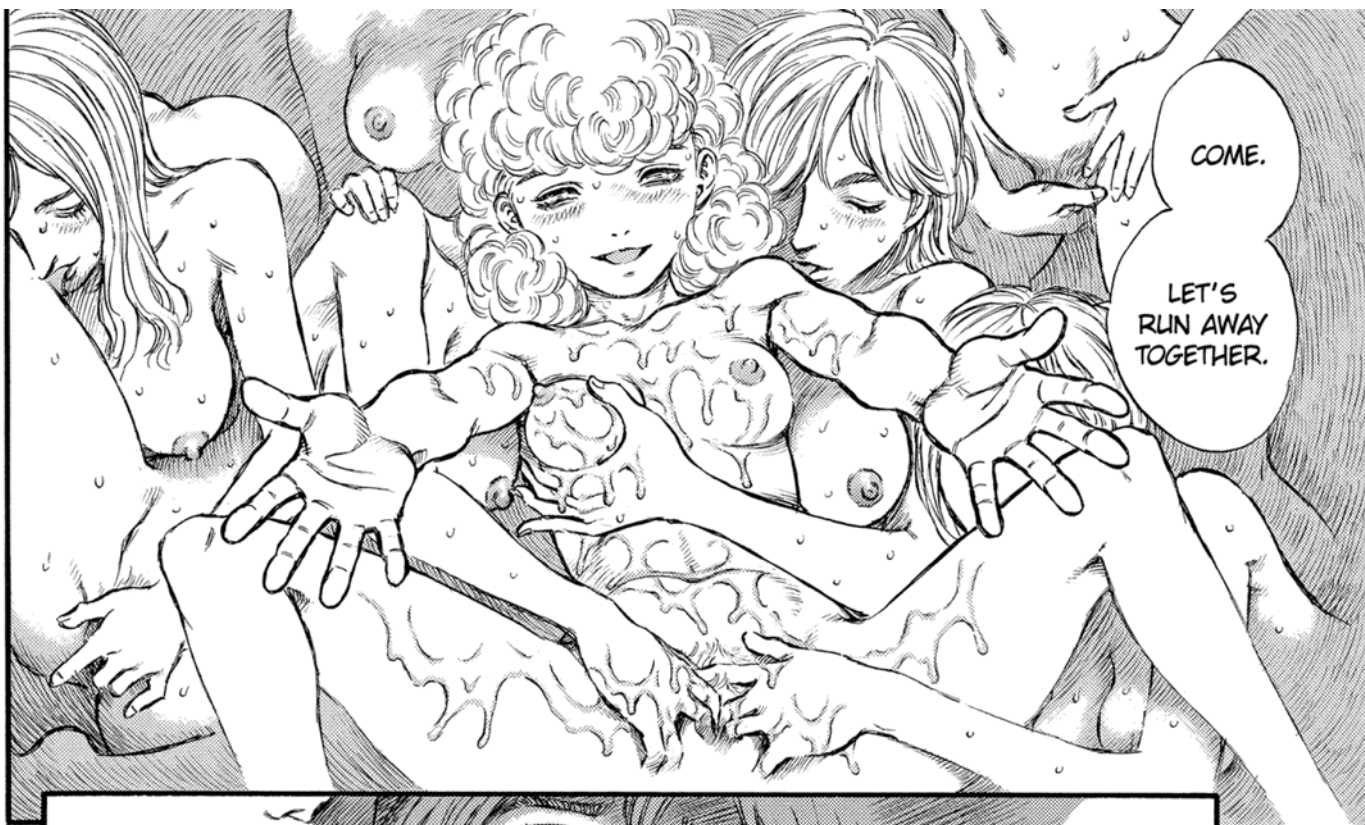


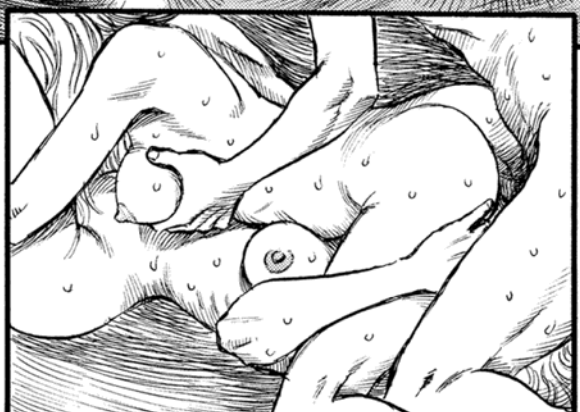
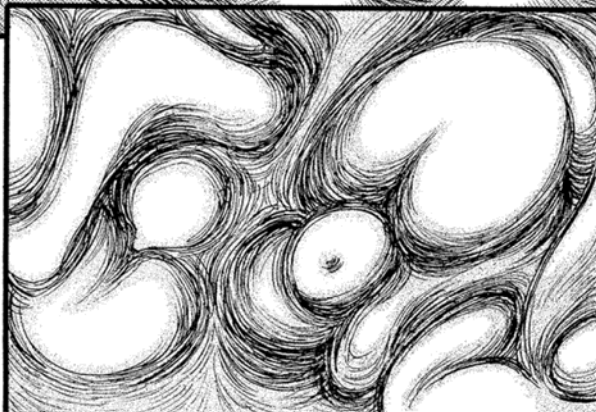
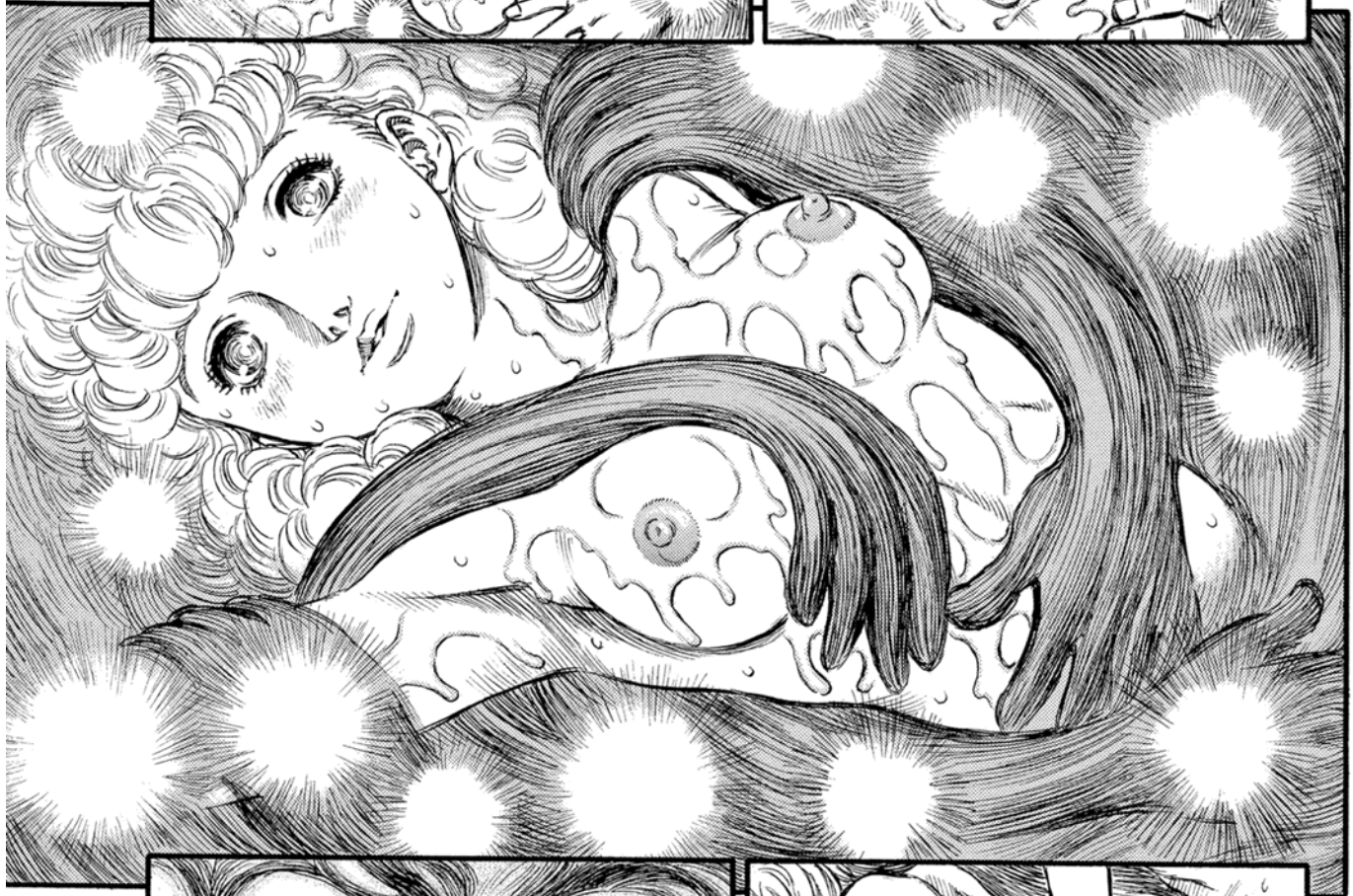
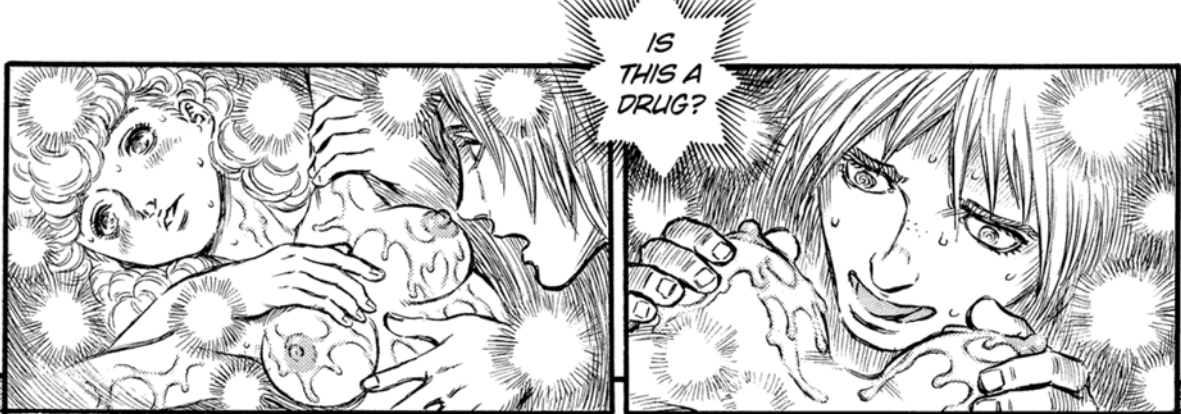
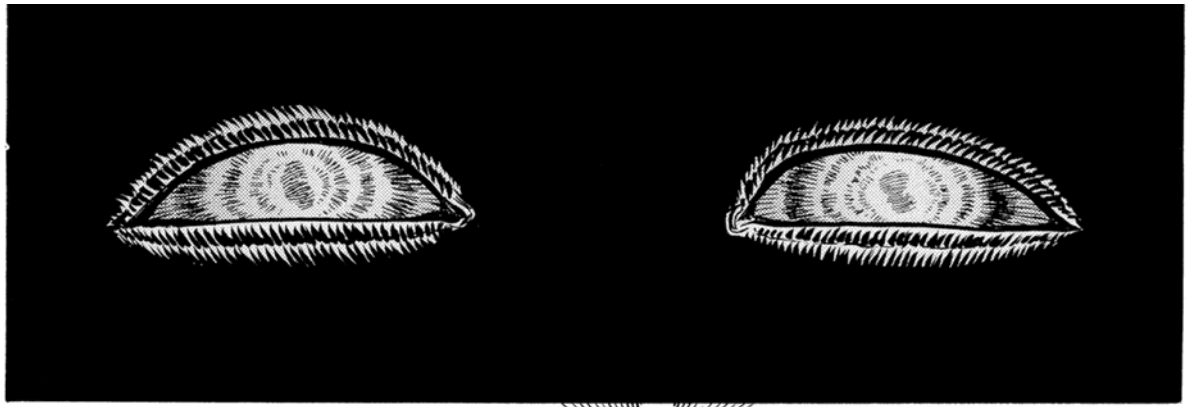


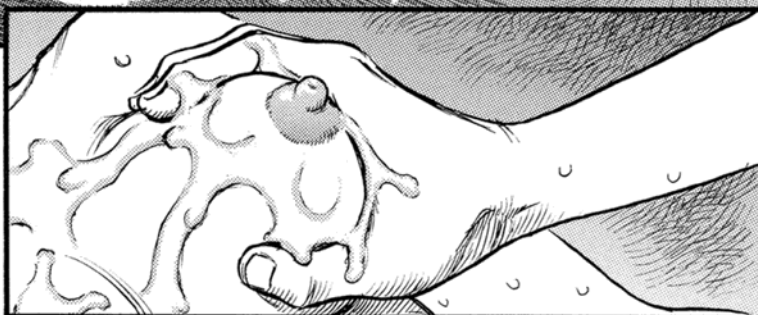
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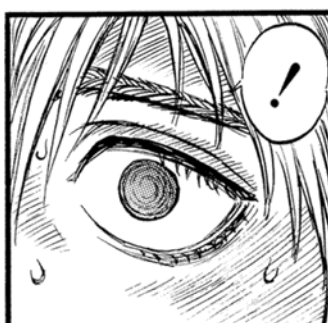




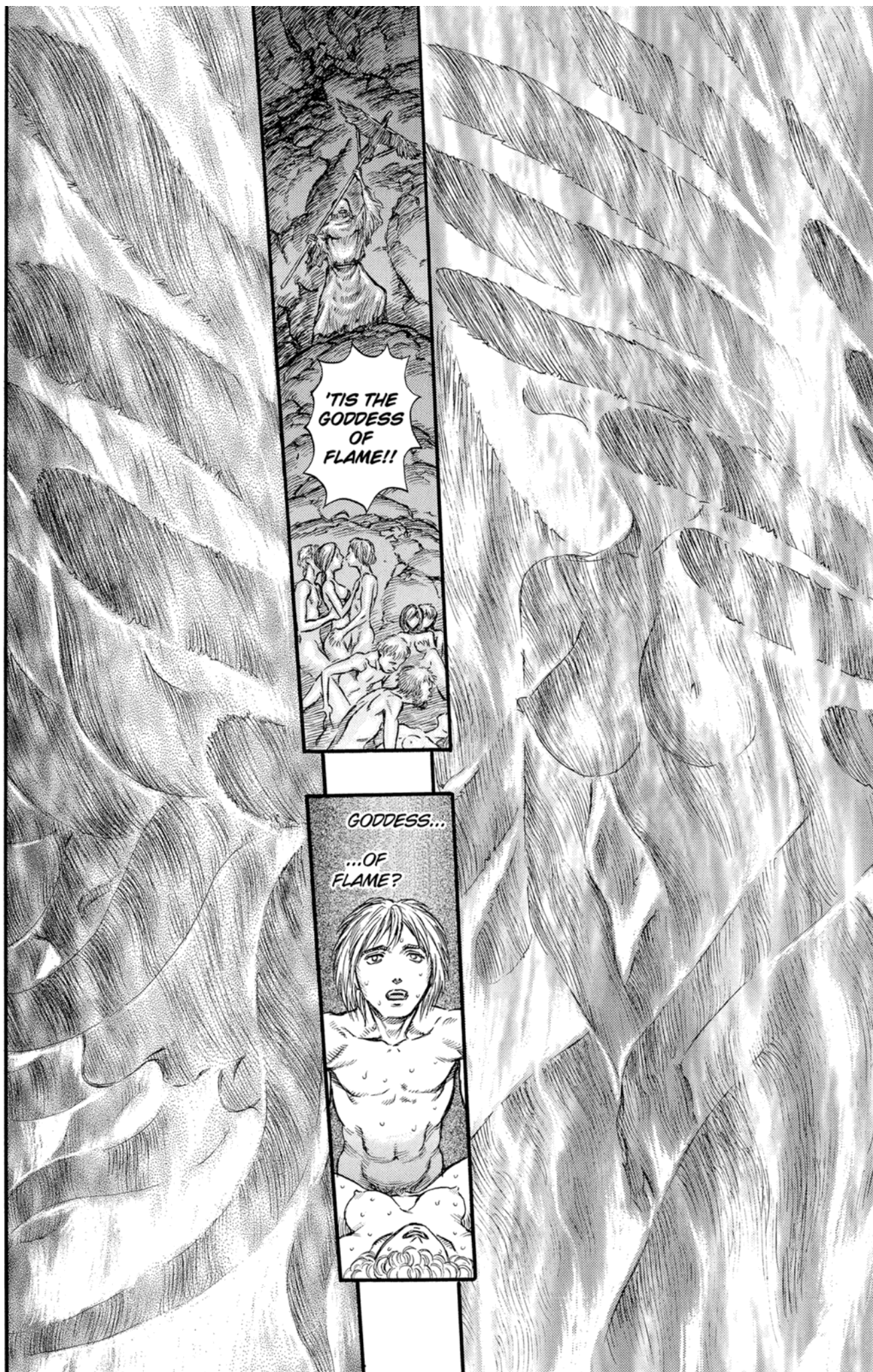




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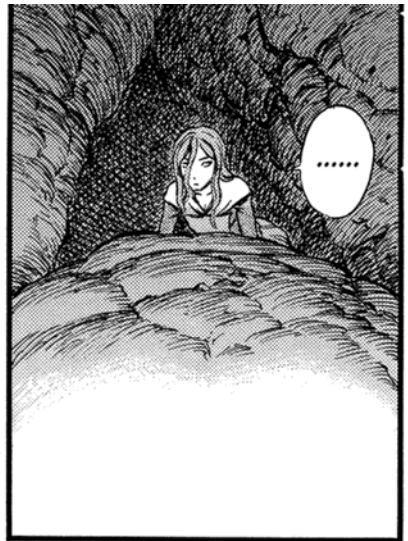




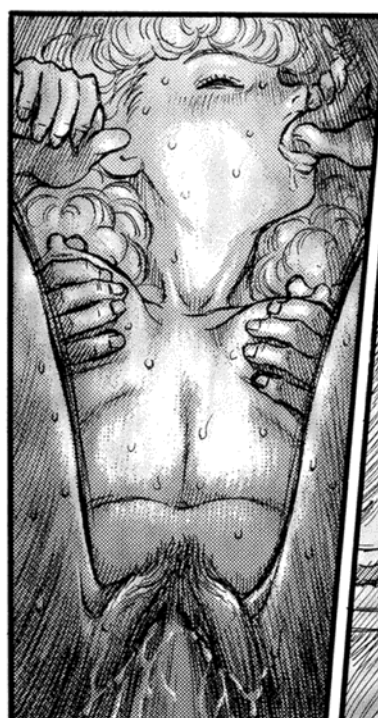
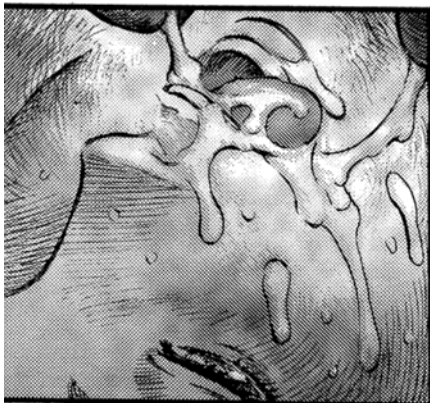
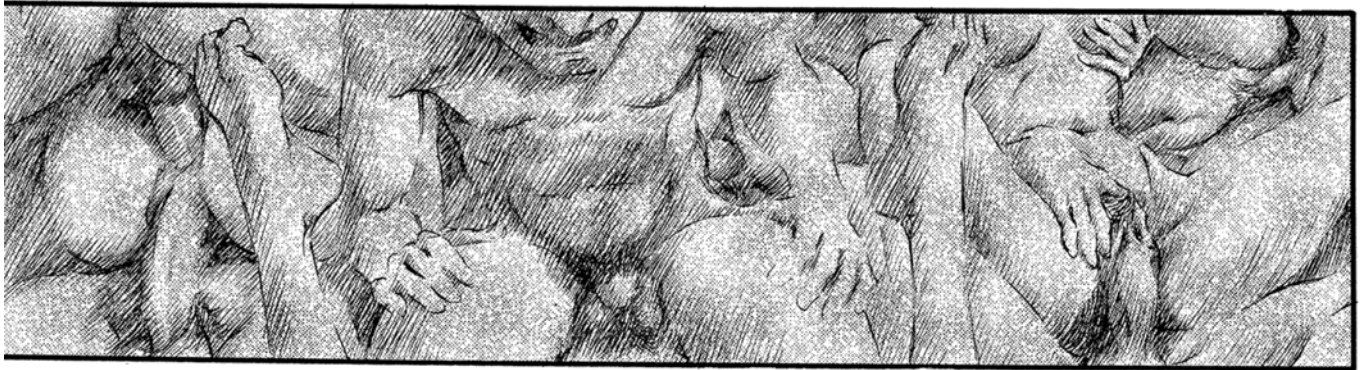
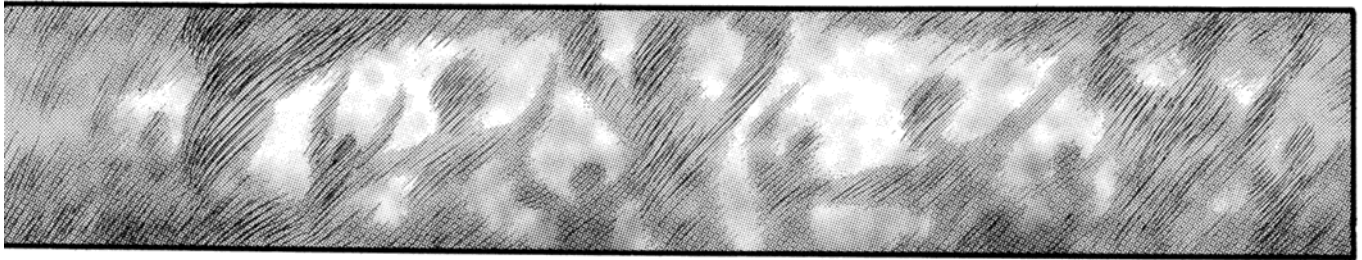
'TIS THE
GODDESS
OF
FLAME!!

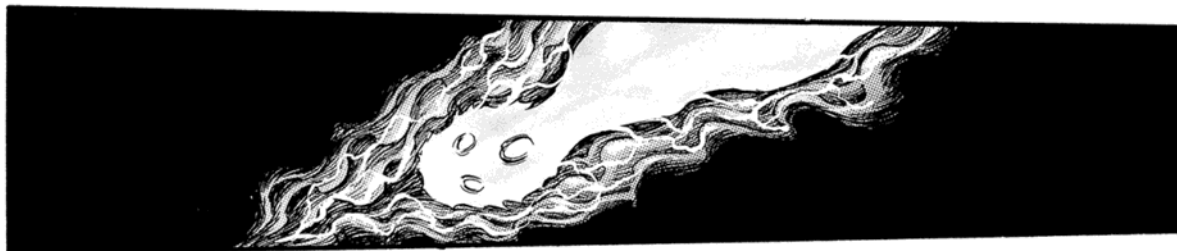
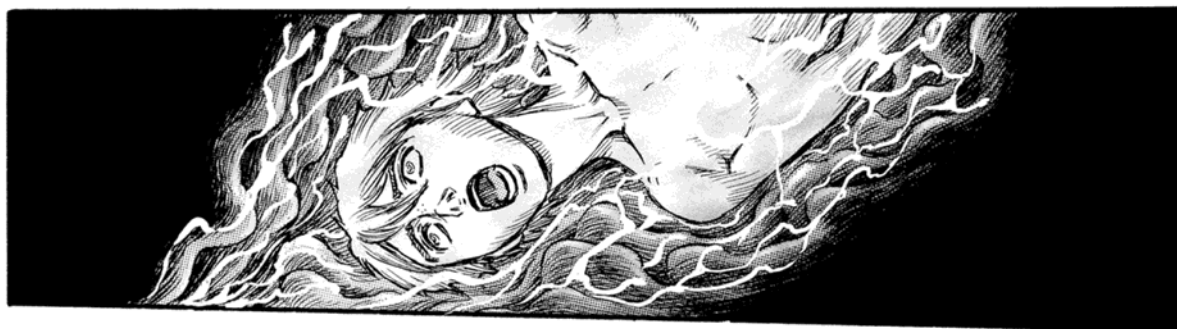
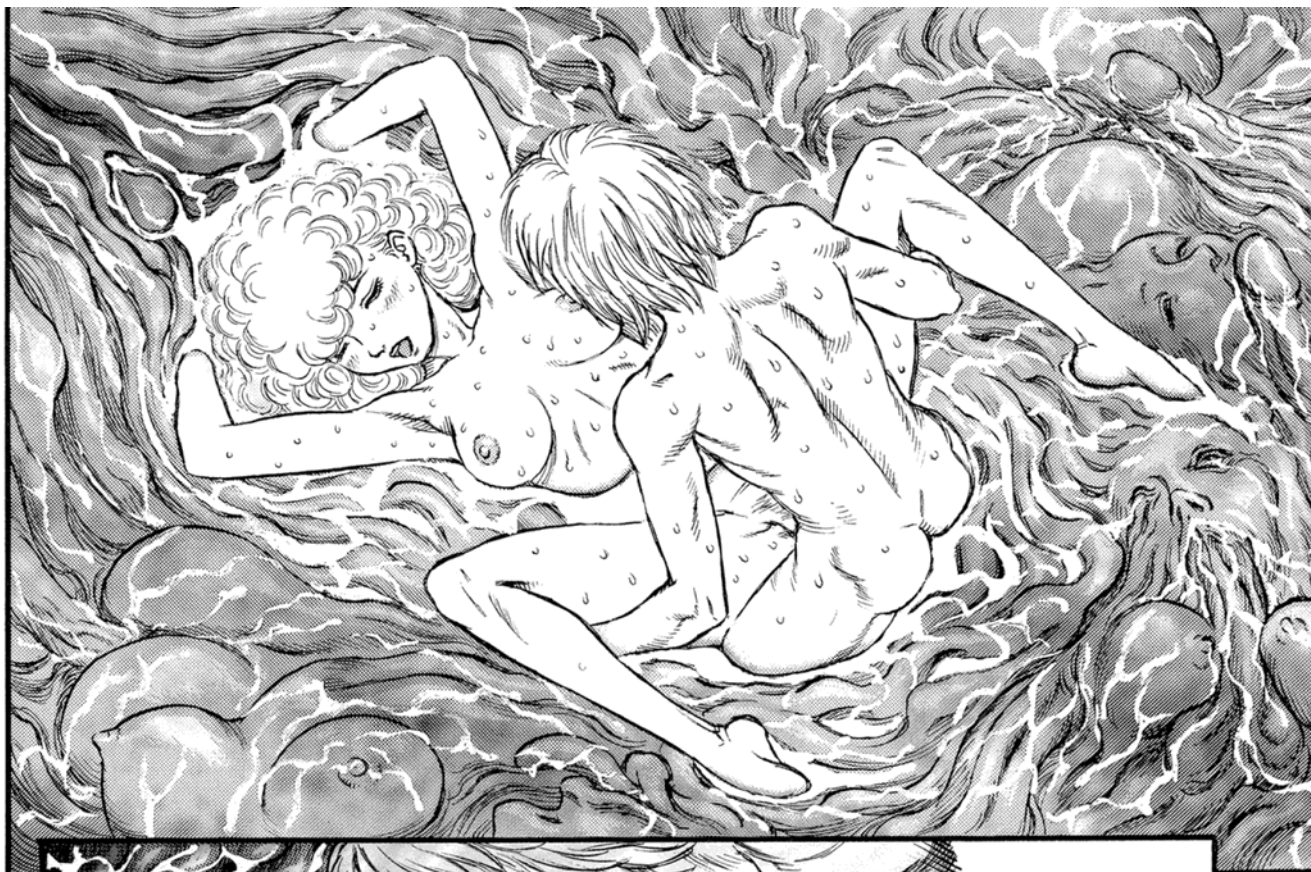
GODDESS...

...OF
FLAME?

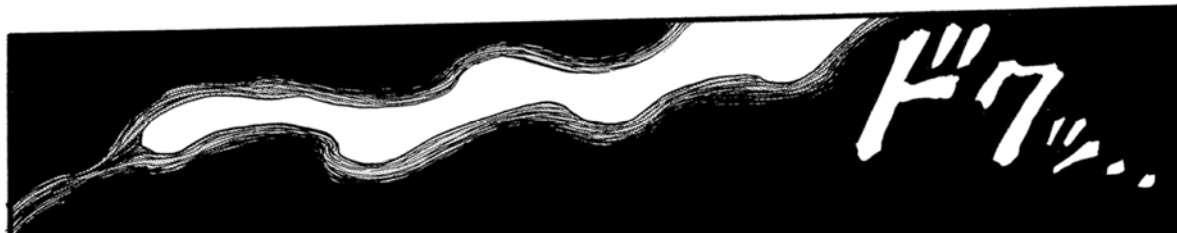


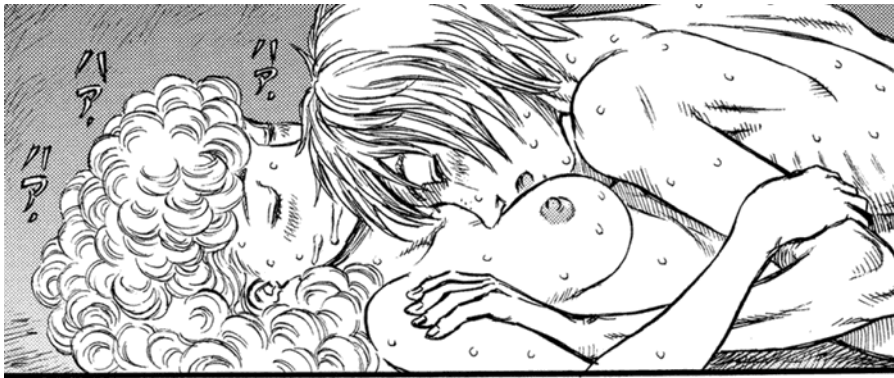
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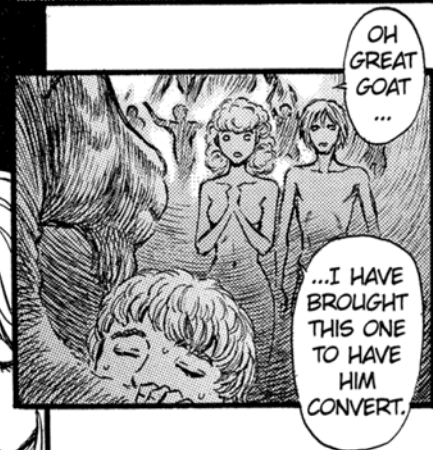
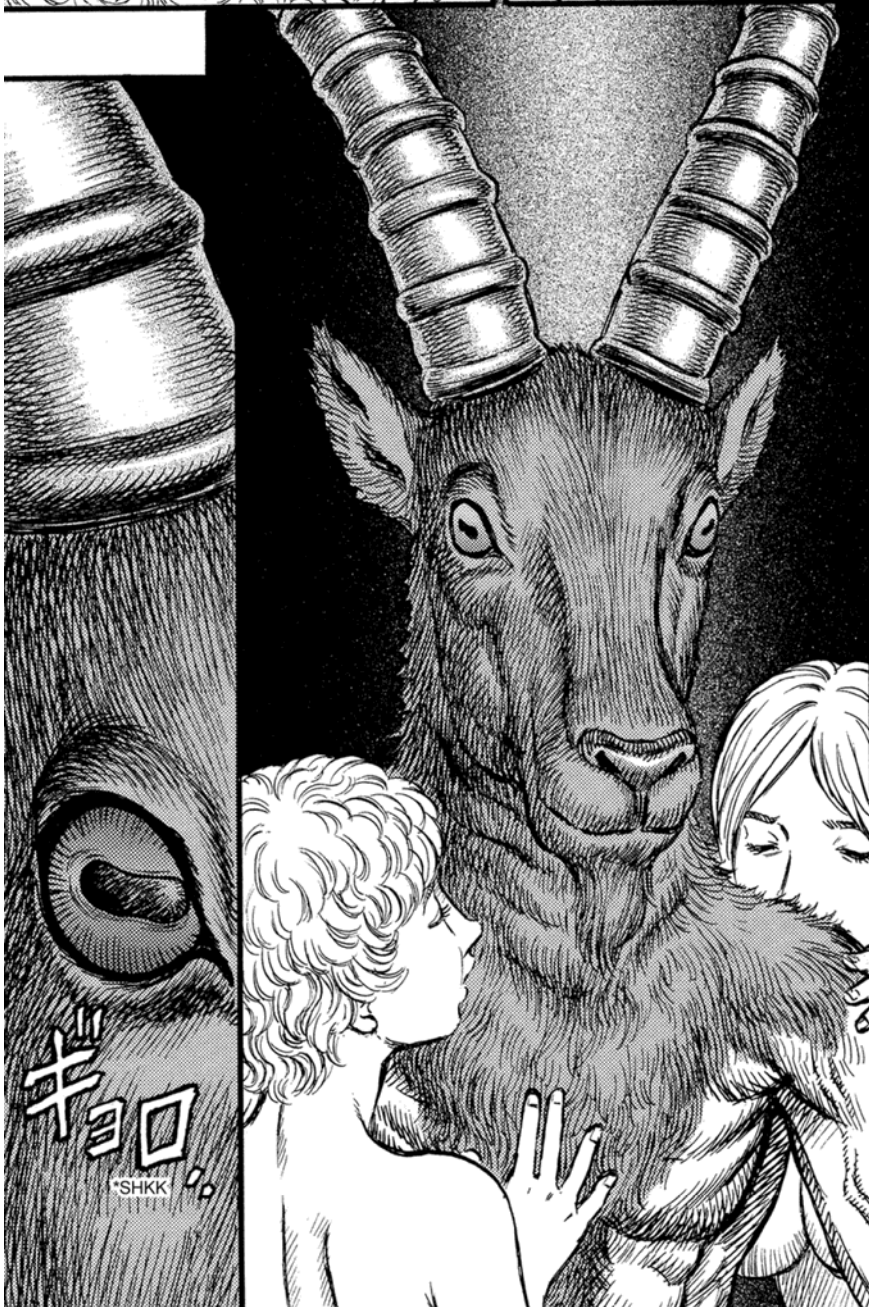
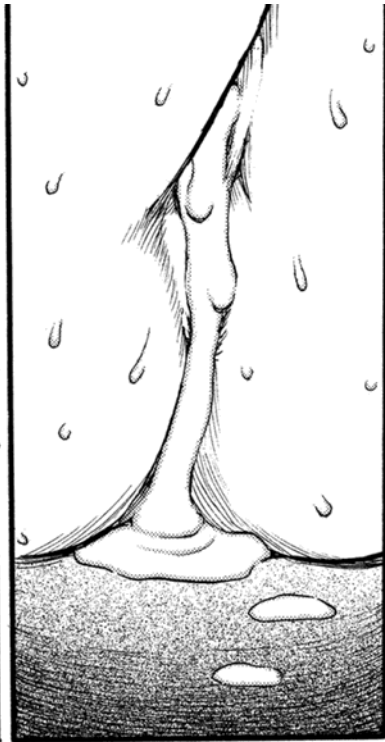
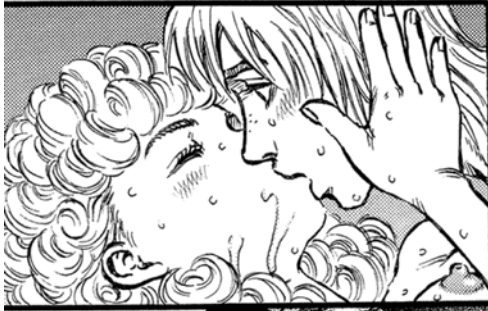


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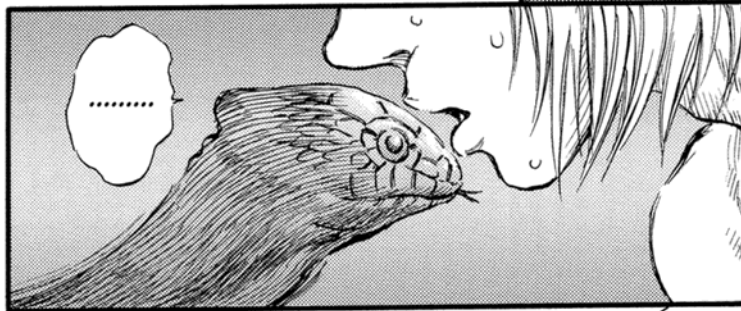
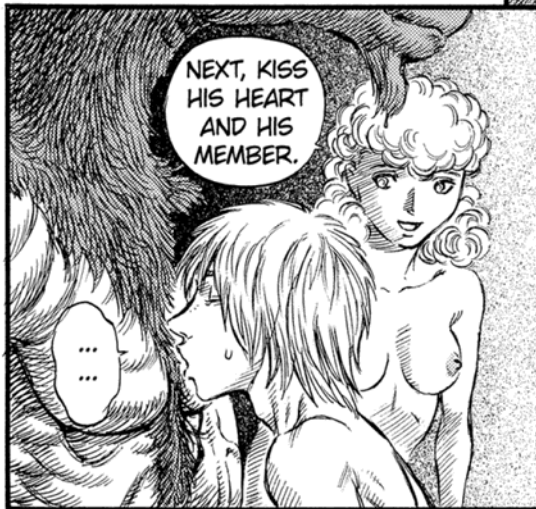


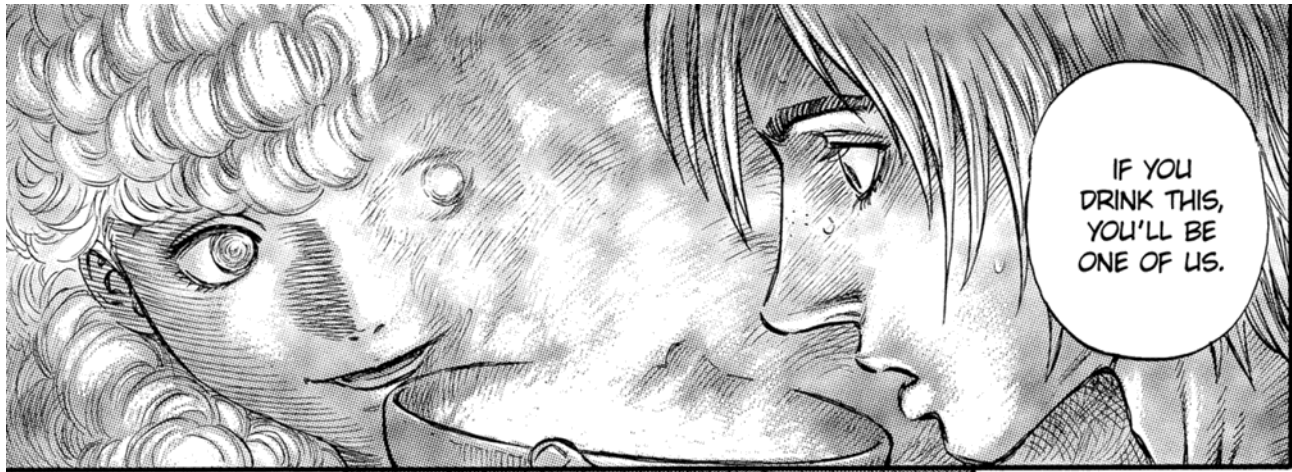
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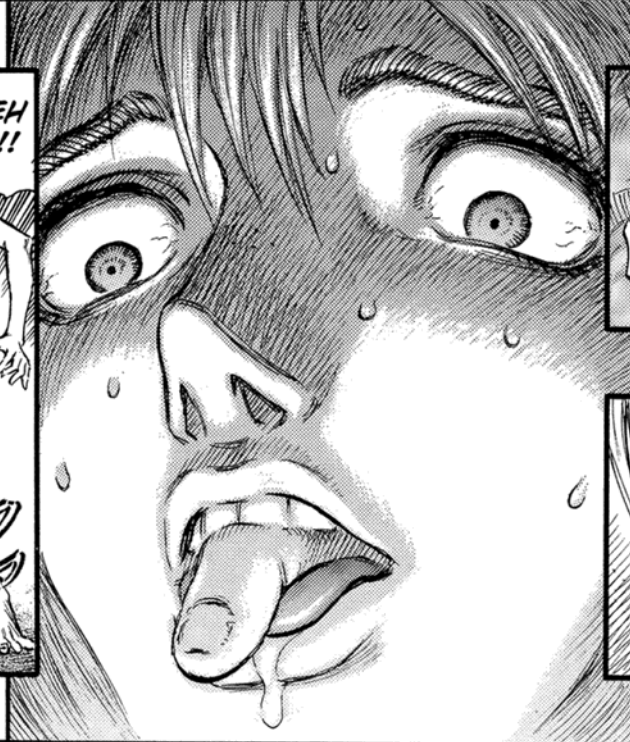
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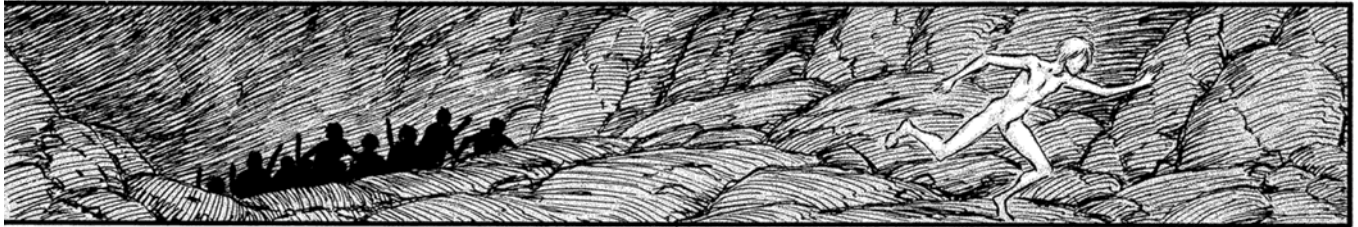


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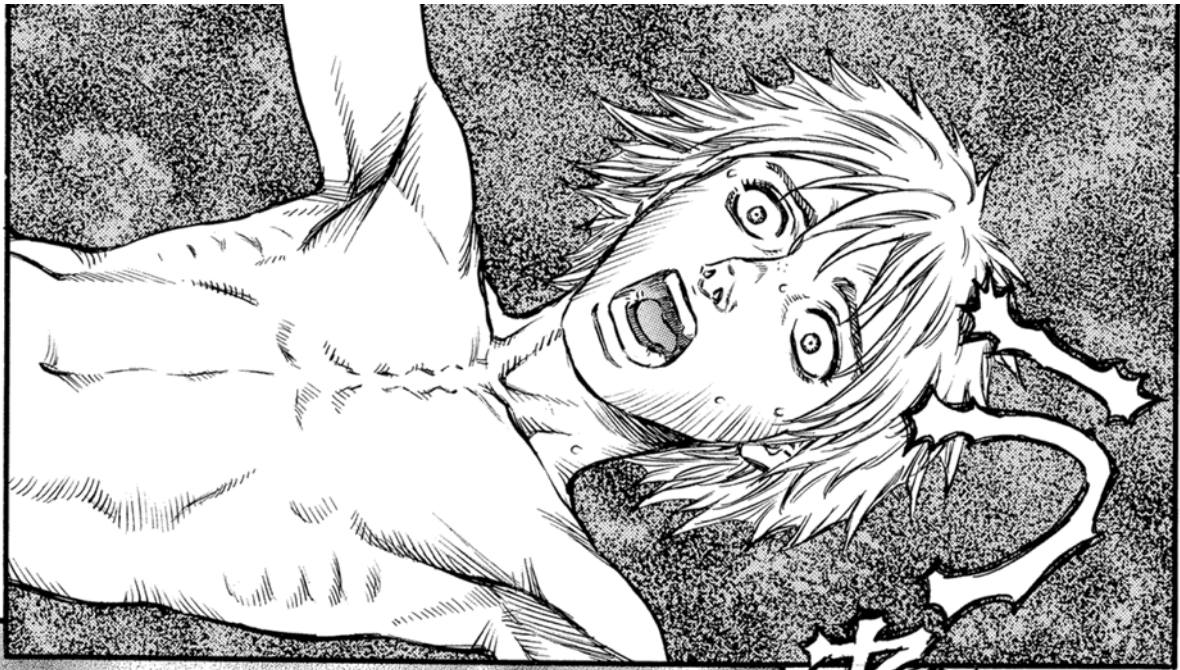
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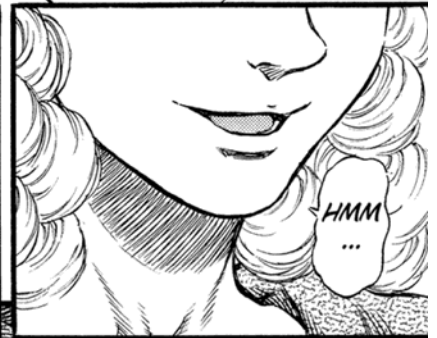
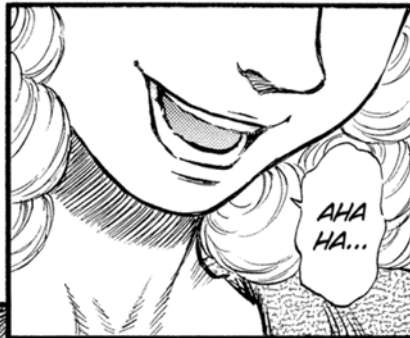
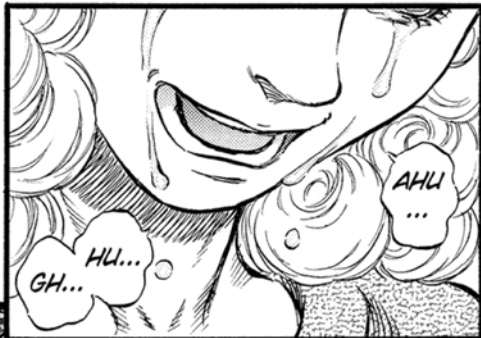
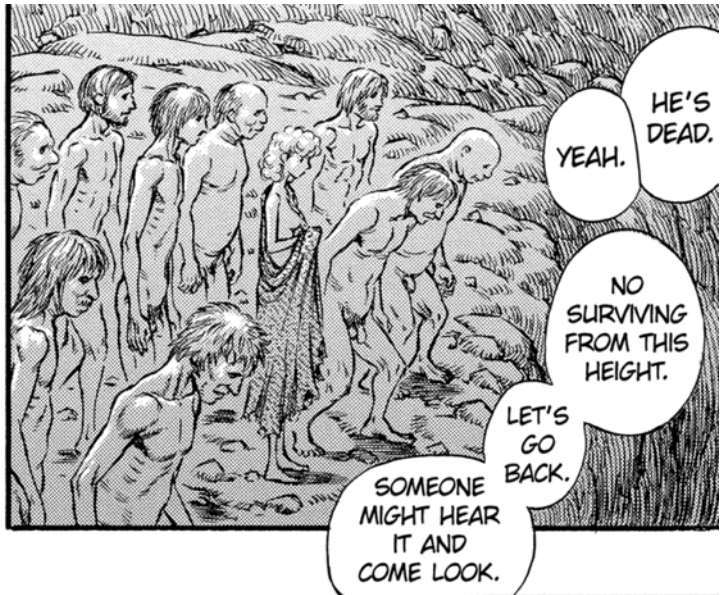
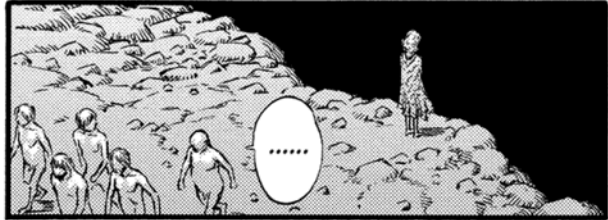


*FX: YAHHH AHhhh



*FX: YAHHHHHH

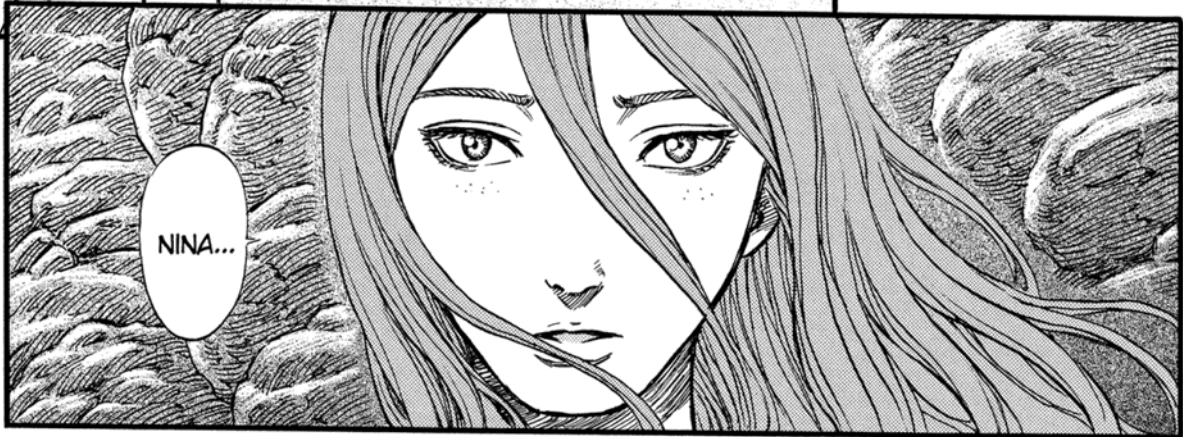


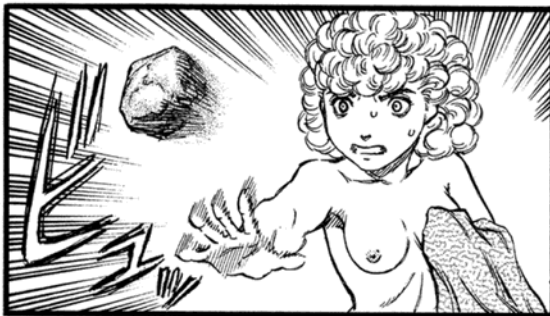
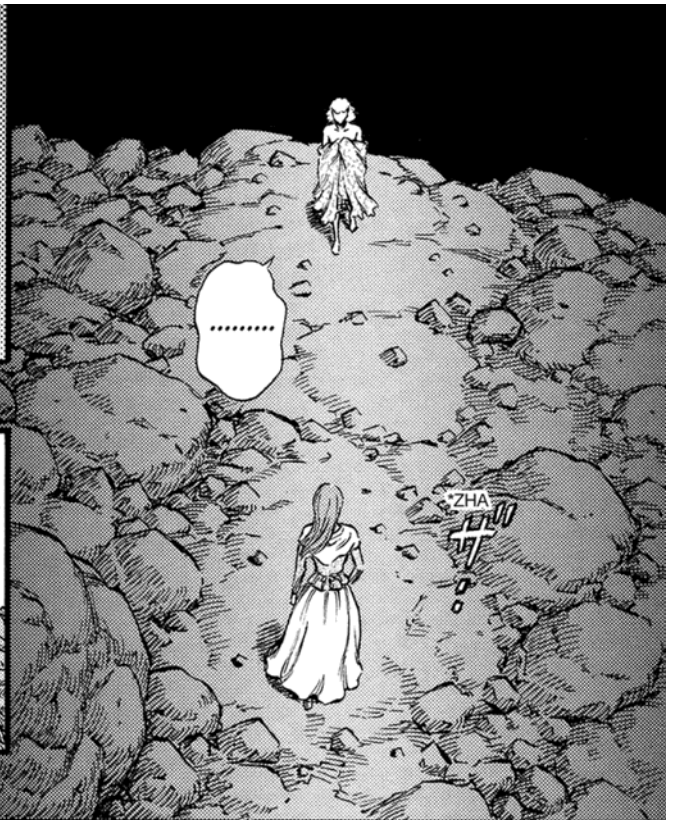


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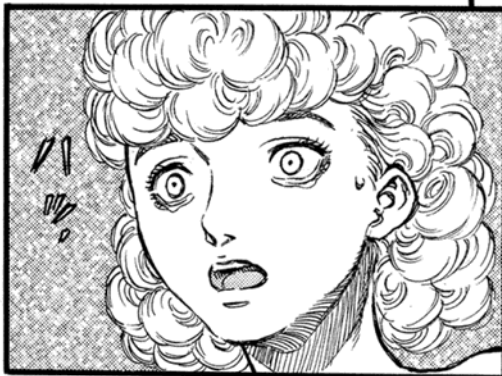


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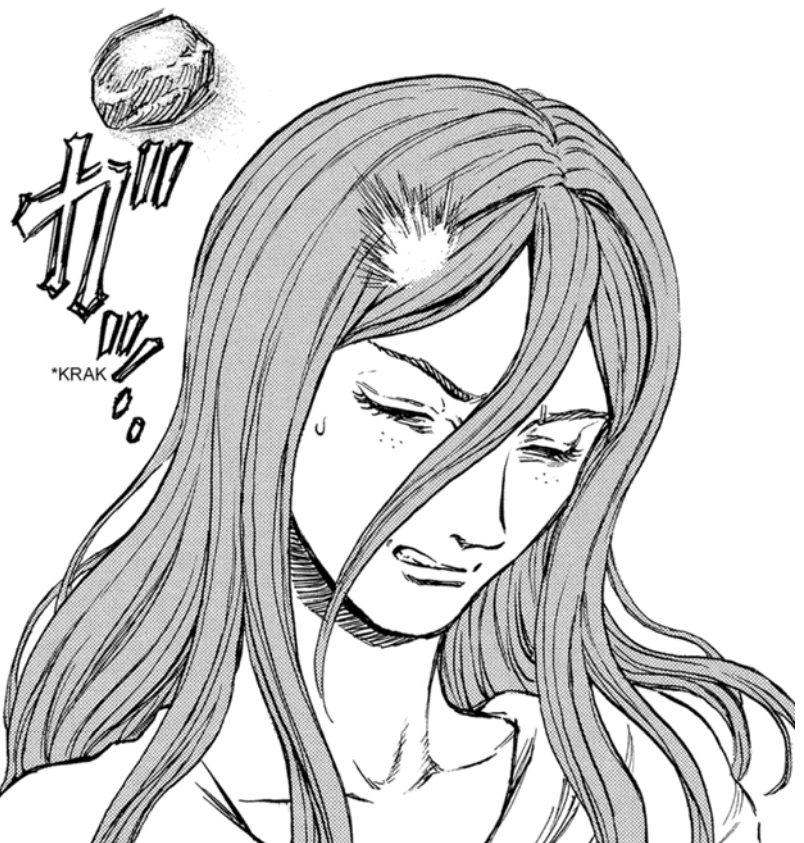
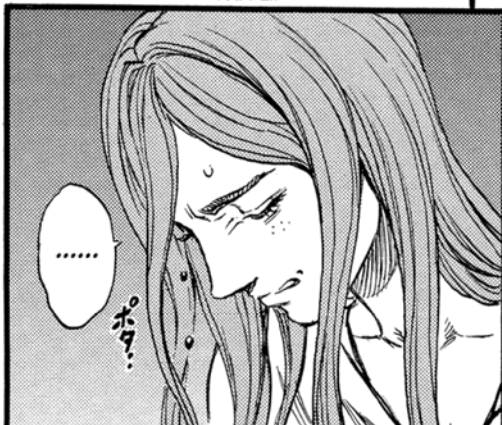


*FX: VMM



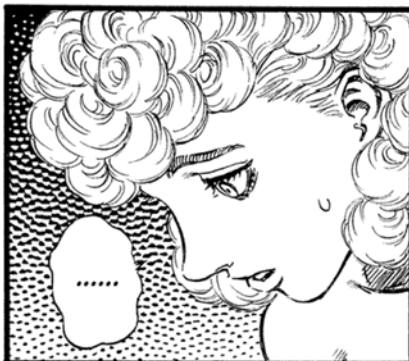
*FX: HAH

*FX: PLIP





*FX: ZHA



*FX: WHRRRL



I-IF YOU
COME ANY
CLOSER...

...
I'LL
JUMP
OFF
!!



WHAT'S
THE BIG
IDEA?!

WH-
WHAT...

*FX: ZHA ZHA

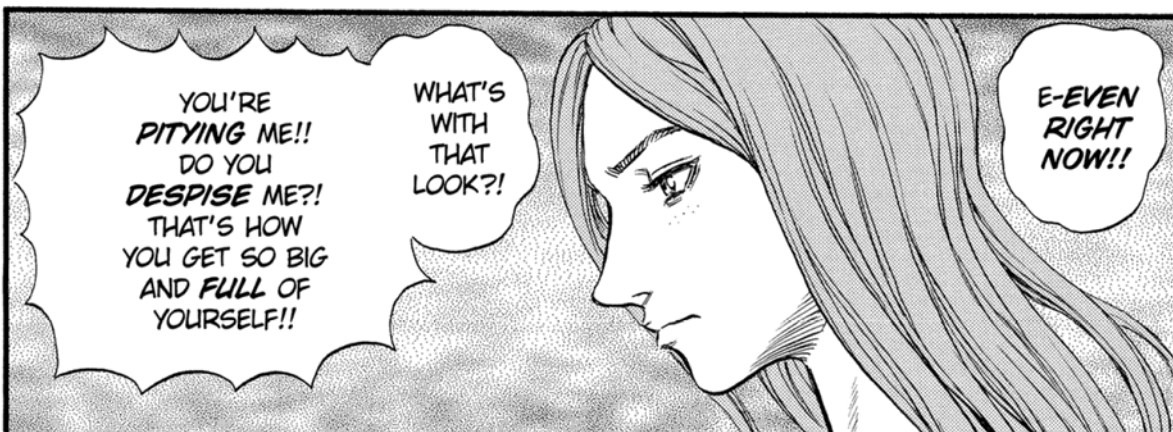


ACTING LIKE YOU
KNOW EVERYTHING,
PROUDLY ORDERING
PEOPLE AROUND!!

YOU'VE
BEEN HIGH-
HANDED AND
INTOLERABLE
!!

YOU'VE
NEVER
DONE
RIGHT BY
ME!!

YOU
KNOW
WHAT
?!



YOU'RE
PITYING ME!!
DO YOU
DESPISE ME?!
THAT'S HOW
YOU GET SO BIG
AND FULL OF
YOURSELF!!

WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
LOOK?!

E-EVEN
RIGHT
NOW!!

HOW CAN
YOU LOOK
DOWN ON
OTHER
PEOPLE
THAT WAY
?!

YOU'RE
THE
SAME
AS ME,
JUST
A
WHORE
!!

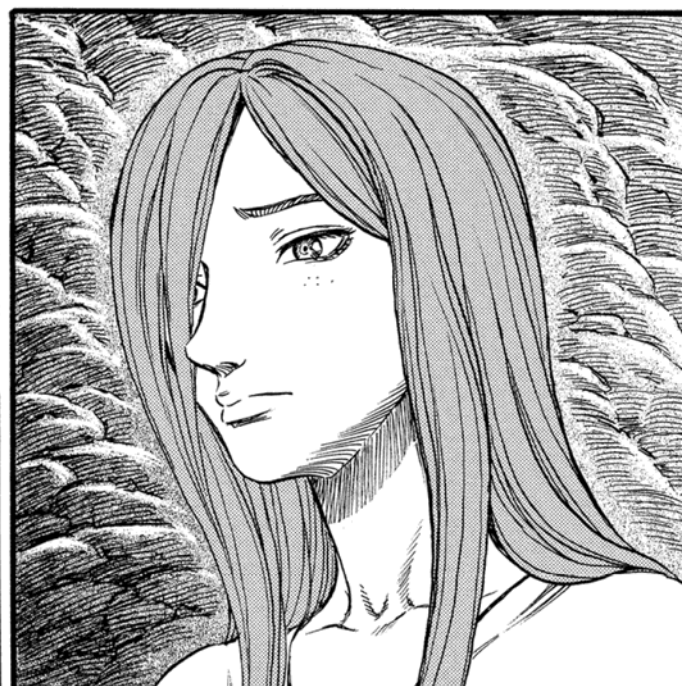


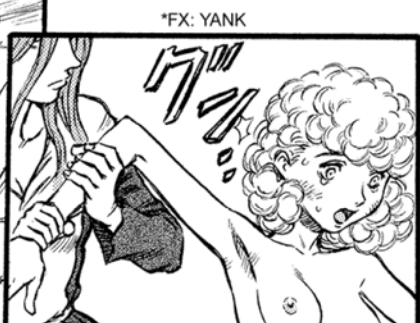
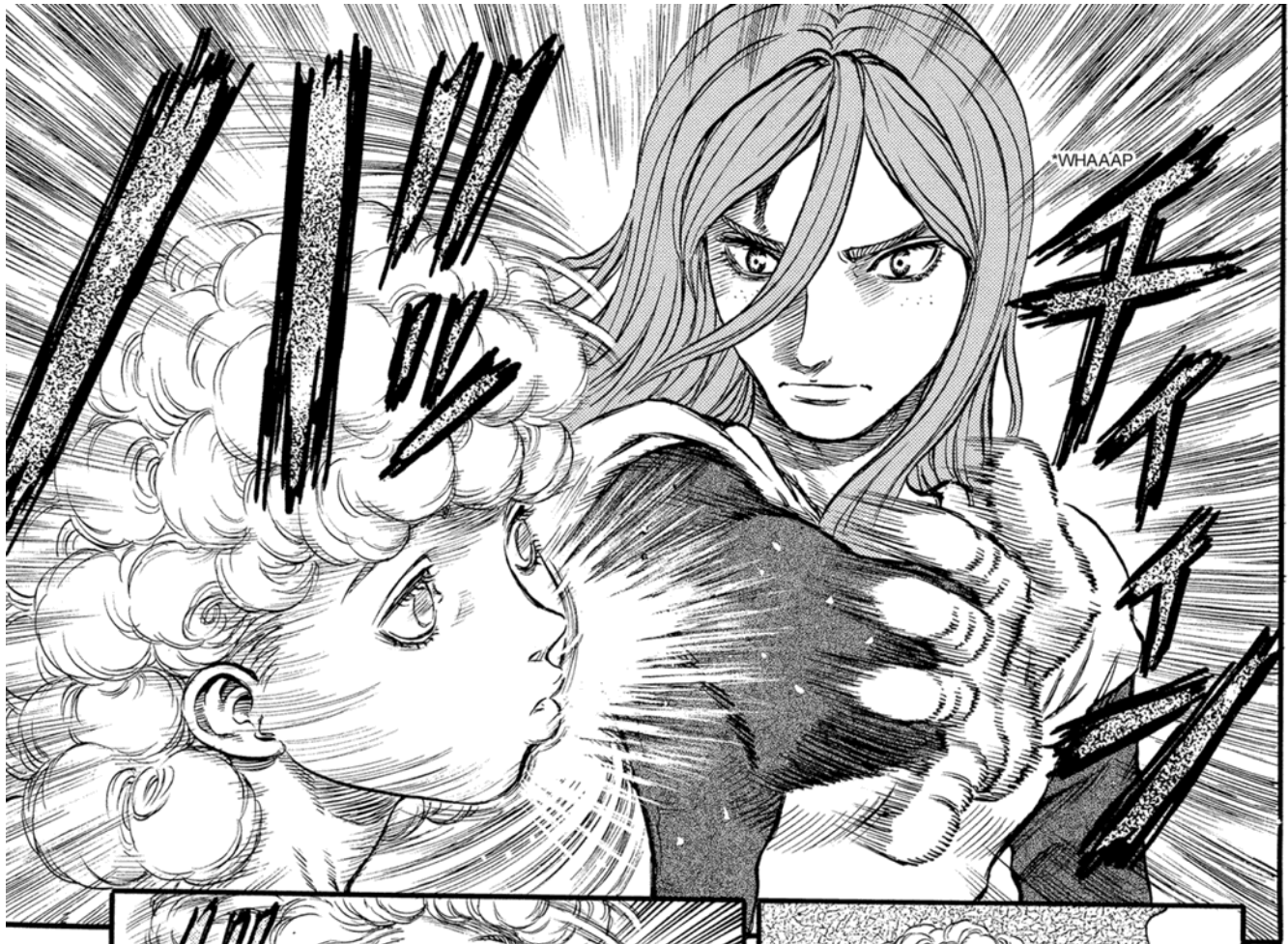
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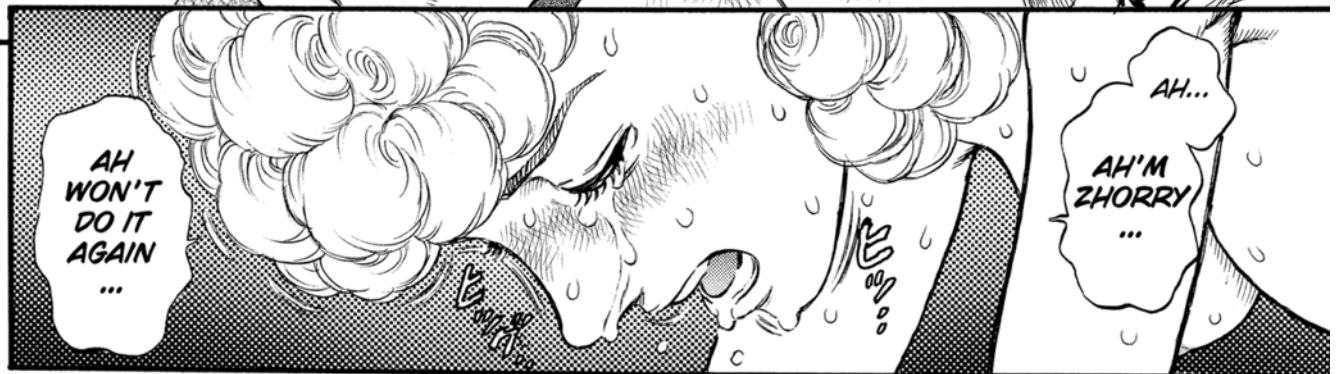
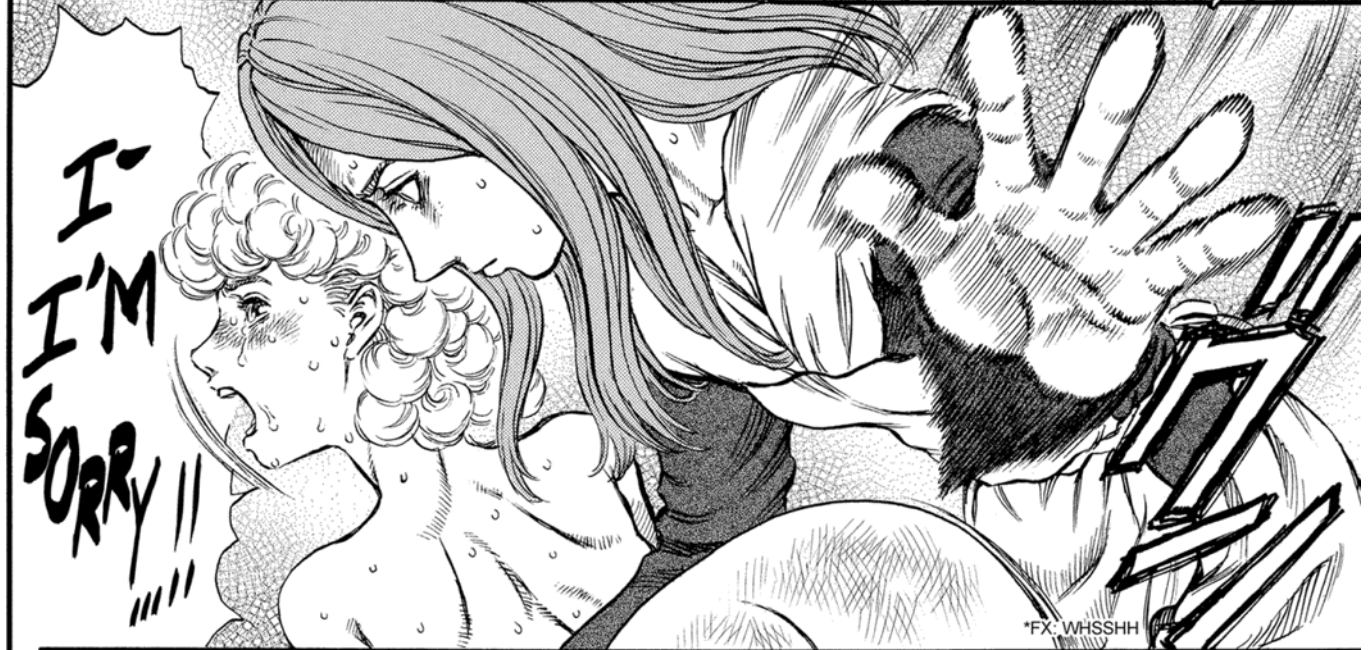
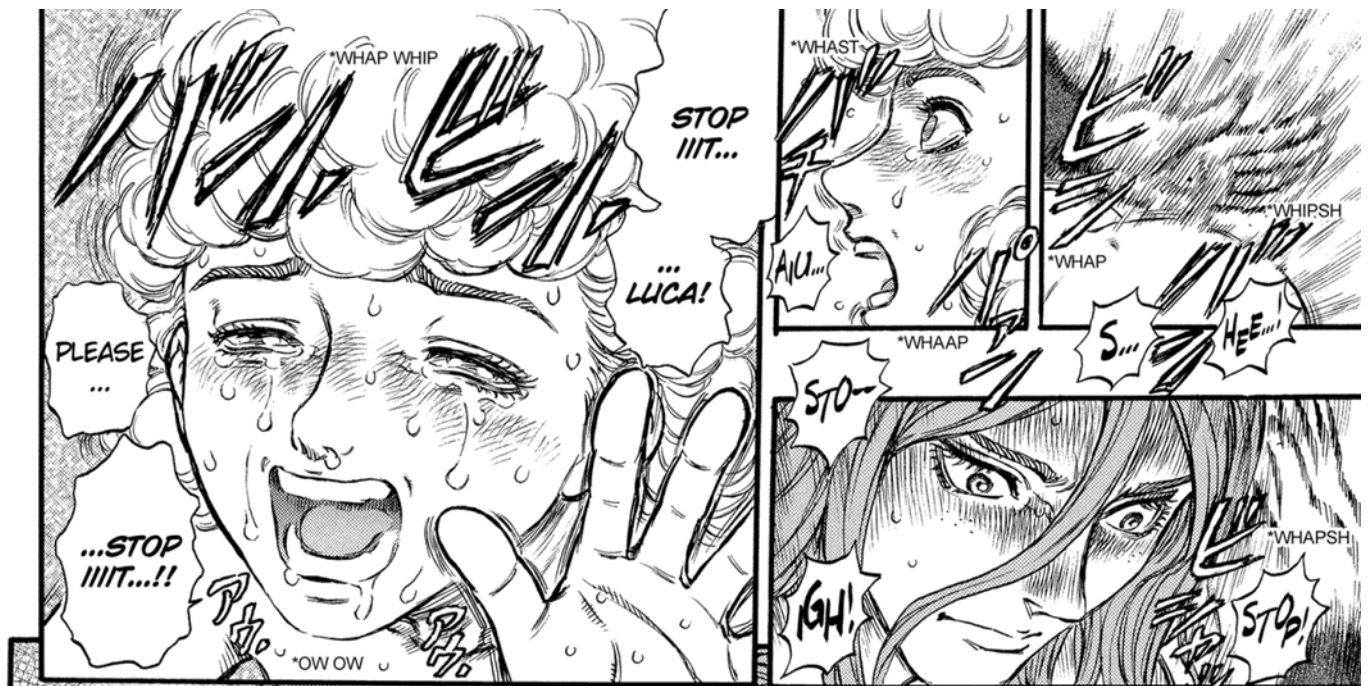


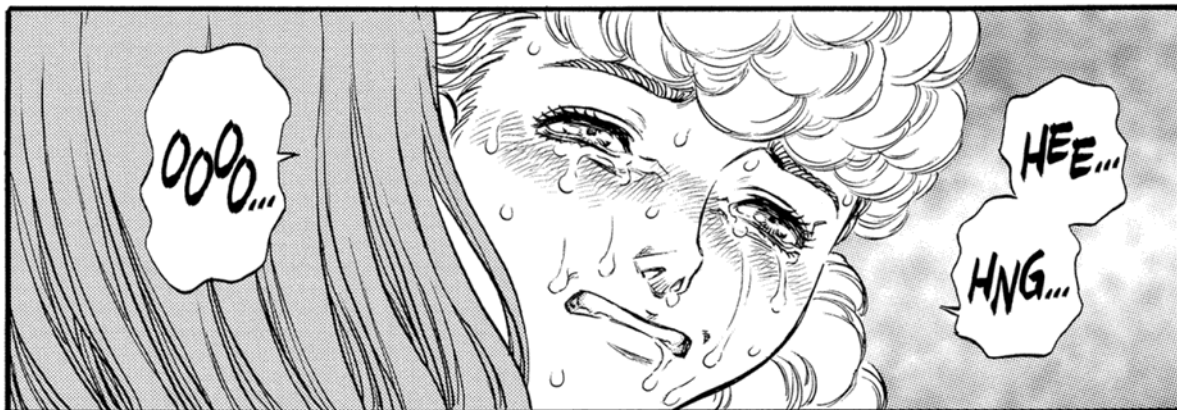
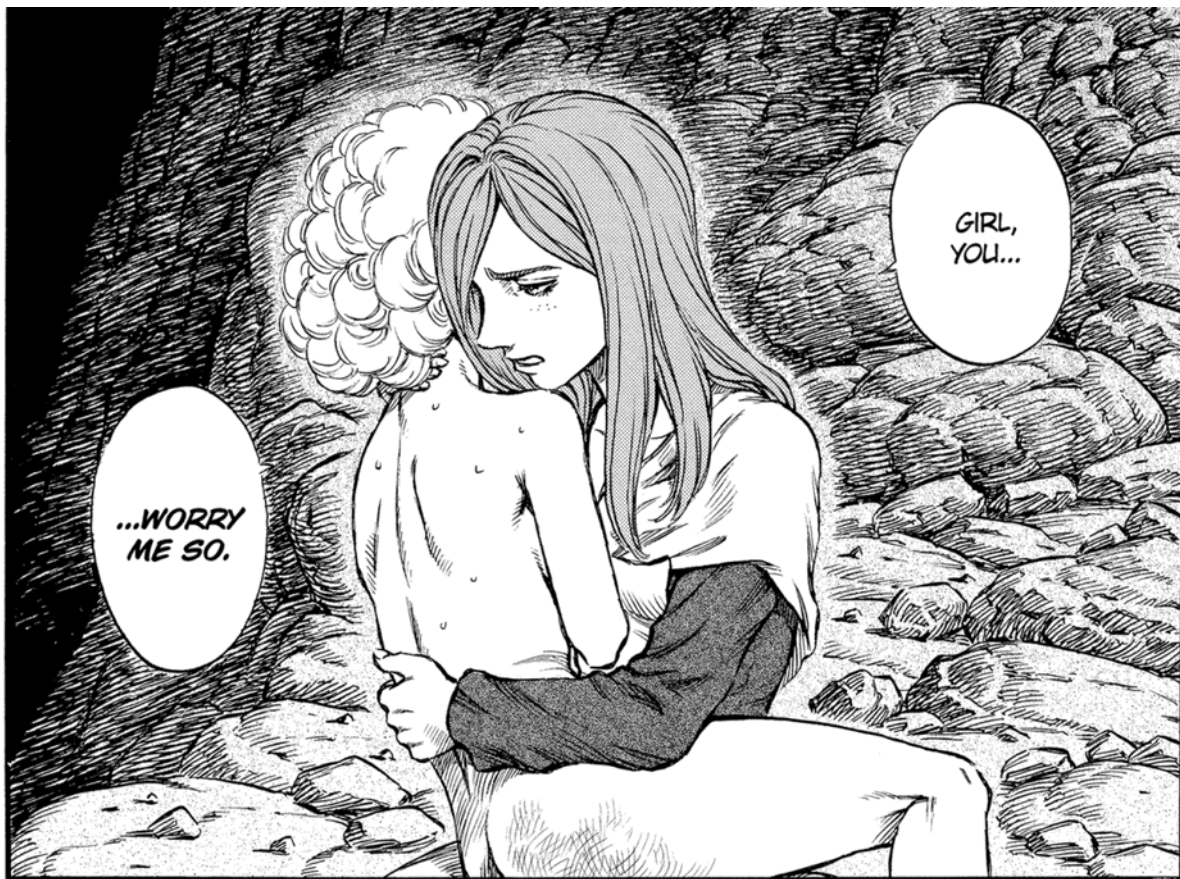
THEY'LL
TEAR
YOU TO
PIECES.

I-IF I
CALL OUT
LOUD
ENOUGH,
MY
FRIENDS'LL
COME
BACK.









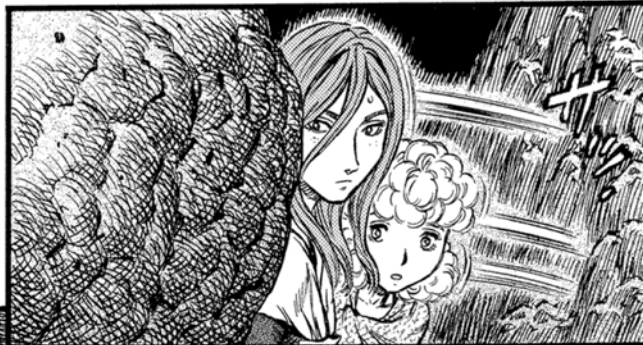
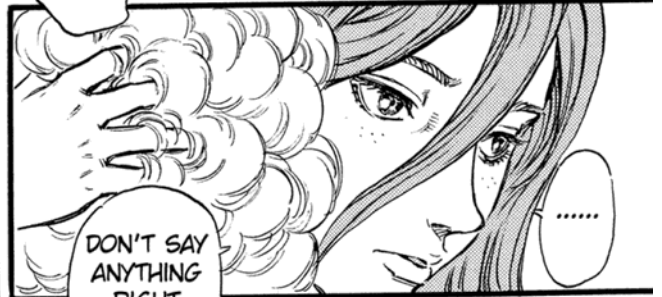


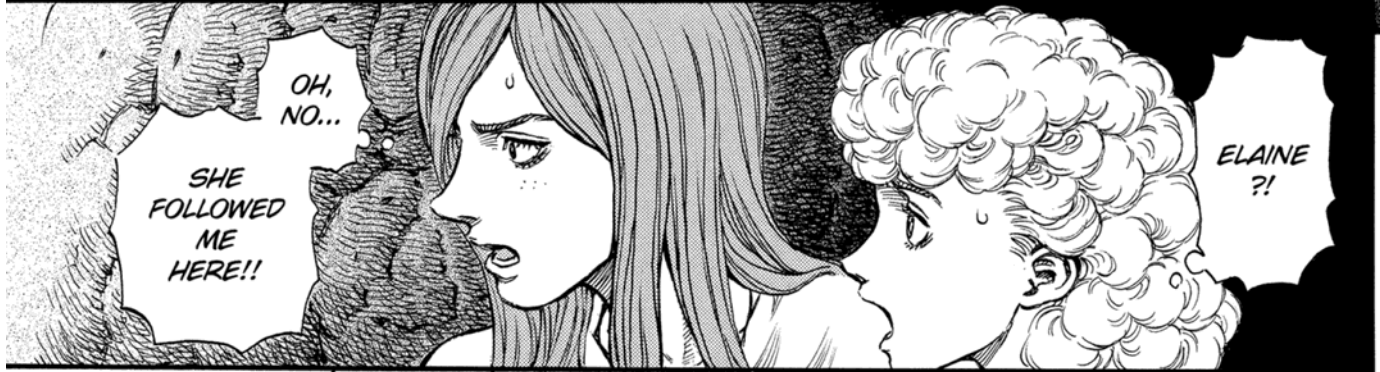
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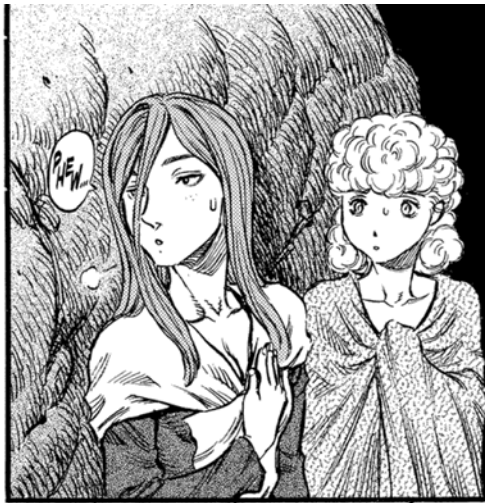
*FX: ("sound" of hiding)



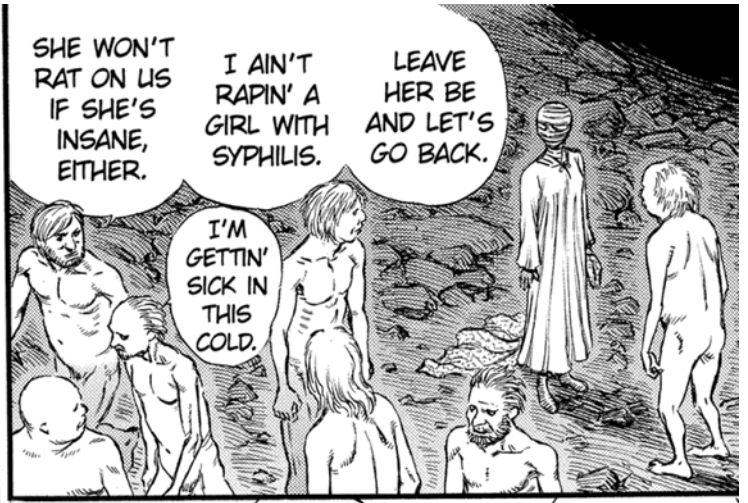
*FX: HF HF







PEH



SHE WON'T RAT ON US IF SHE'S INSANE, EITHER.

I AIN'T RAPIN' A GIRL WITH SYPHILIS.

LEAVE HER BE AND LET'S GO BACK.

I'M GETTIN' SICK IN THIS COLD.



...AT A FACE THAT'S ROTTIN' OFF!!



I WANNA TAKE A LOOK...

*FX: PAT PAT

HEE HEE...

THIS COULD BE INTERESTIN'.



HEHEH... HEY, WAIT A MINUTE.

*FX: RRRIP



OH, HELL!



WEE E!

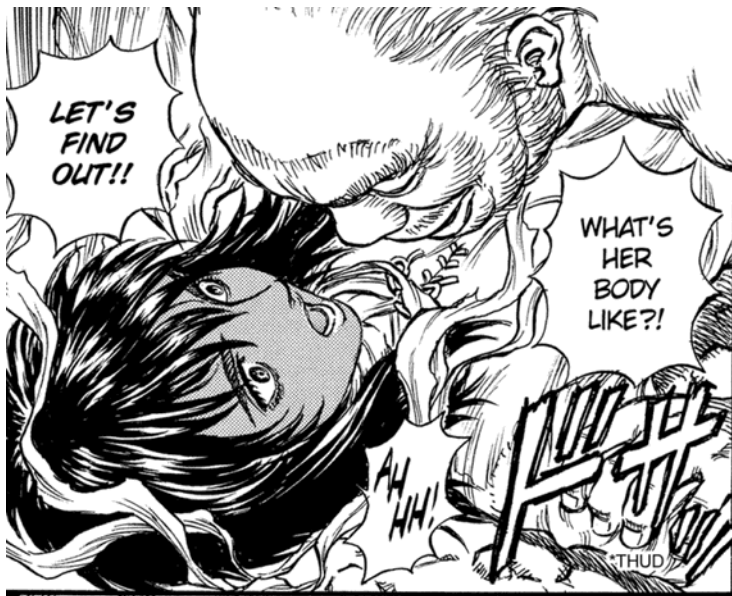
AWHA ...?

*FX: WHOAA



OH! LOOKY! LOOKY!

WHADDA WE HAVE HERE?



LET'S
FIND
OUT!!

WHAT'S
HER
BODY
LIKE?!

AH
HH!

*THUD



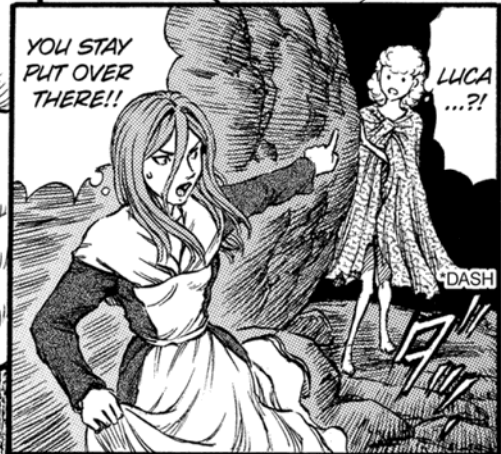
THERE'S
NOTHIN'
ROTTEN
UNDER
THAT
MASK.

*GRASP

HEHEH, NOW
THERE'S A
FACE THAT
COULD USE
SOME A'
ME IN IT.



*SHRRRIP



YOU STAY
PUT OVER
THERE!!

LUCA
...?!

*DASH

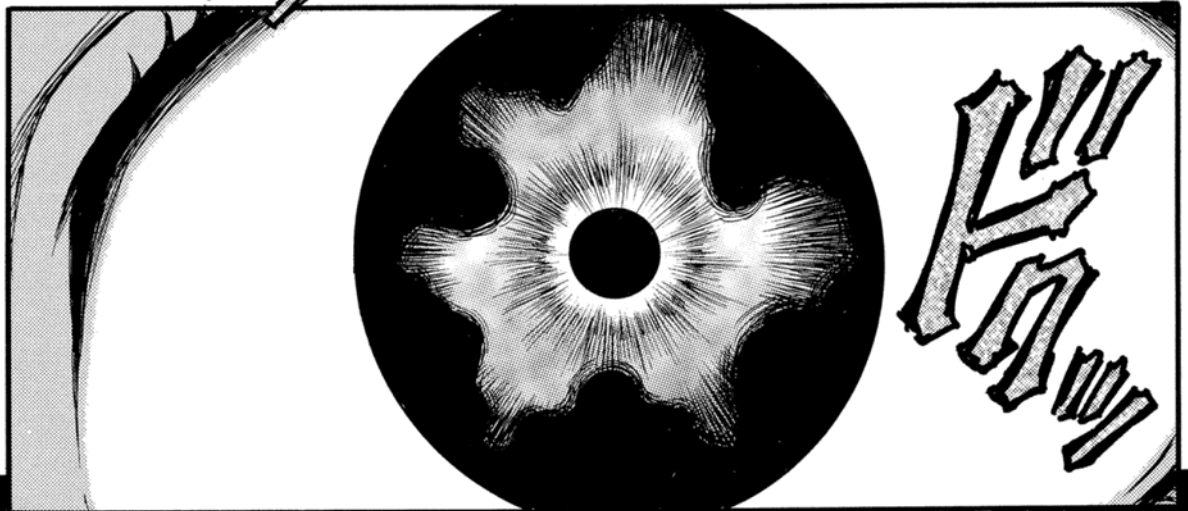
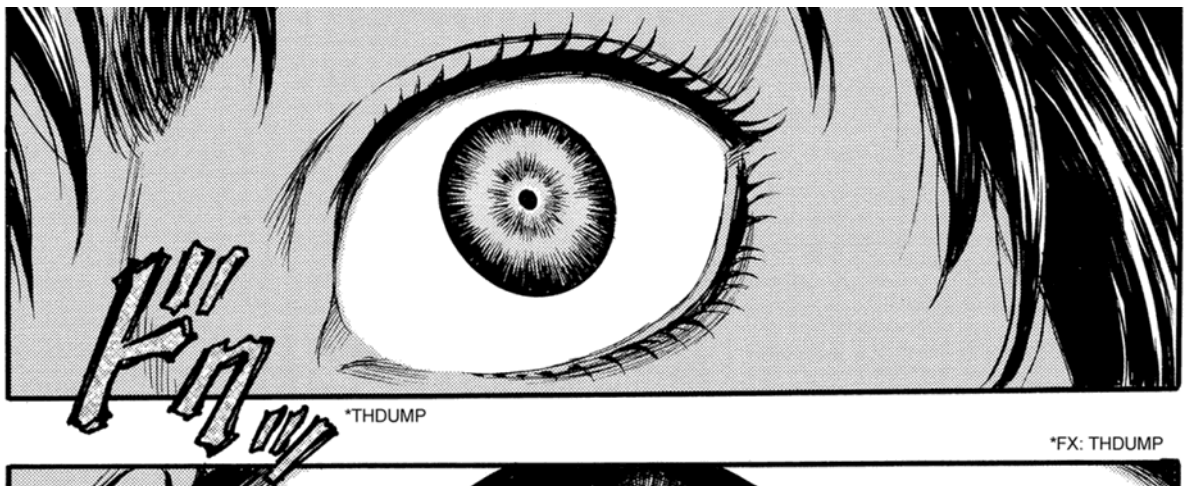


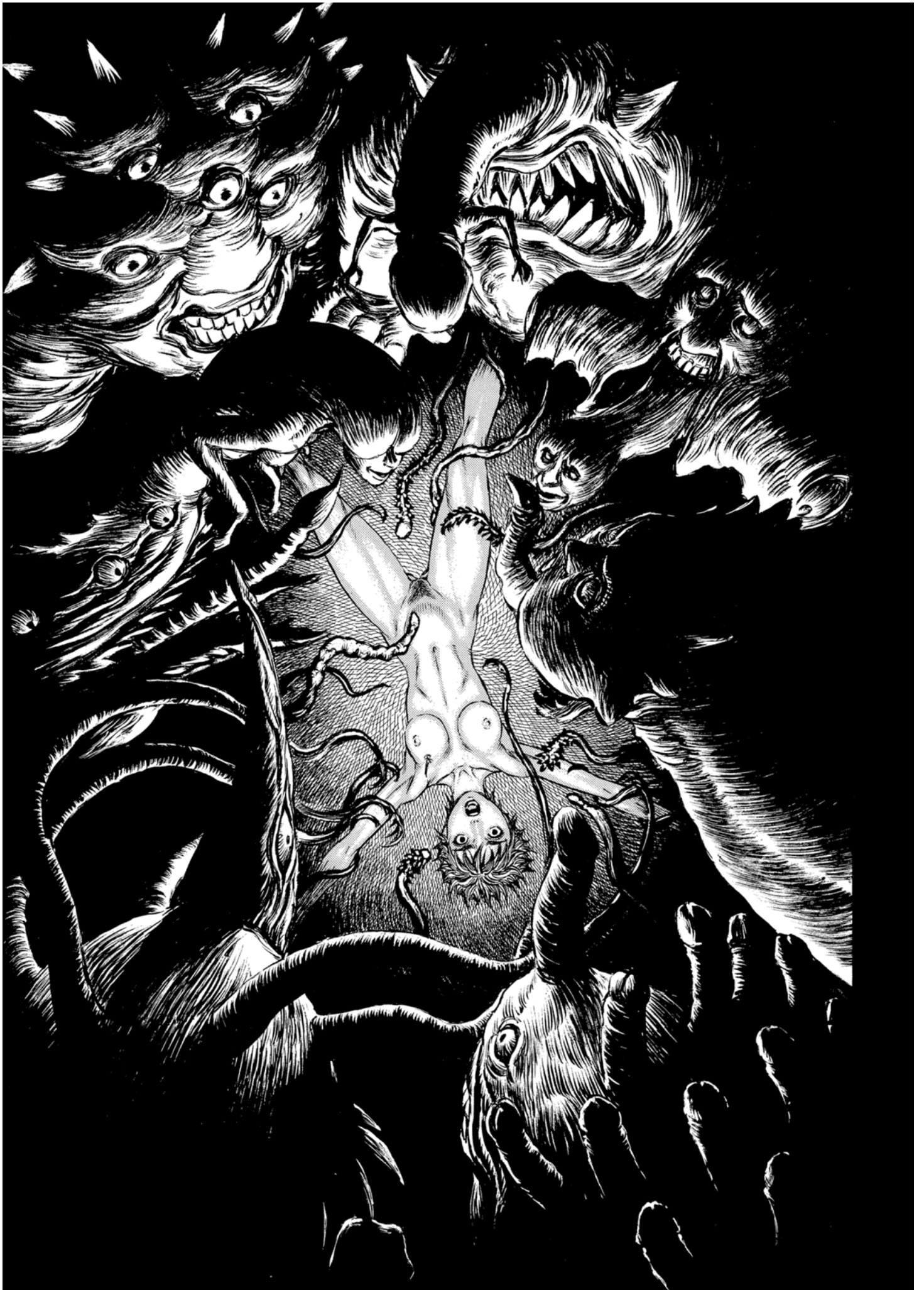
HYAHAAH! STRUGGLE,
STRUGGLE! IT'S MORE
FUN WHEN THEY'RE
LIVELY!!

AHH!
GEE!

*FX: FLAIL FLAIL









WHAT'S
WITH
HER?!

OWAHH!!

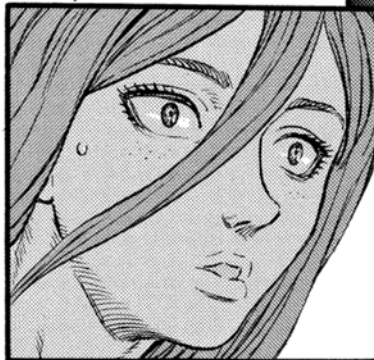
*FX: TWITCH ZHFFA TWITCH



WHAT
HAPPENS
HAPPENS.

HEY!

YOU
PEOPLE
...!!

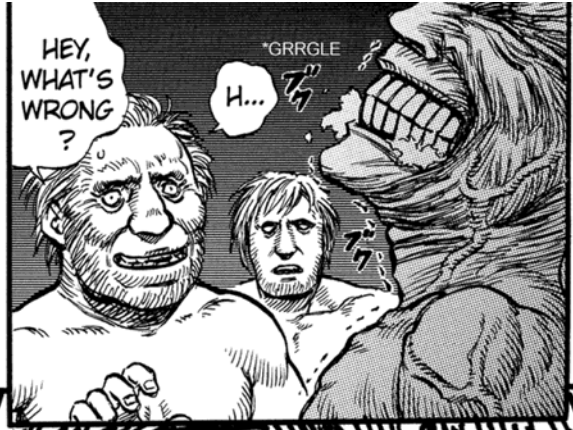


WH...
?



AHHHH



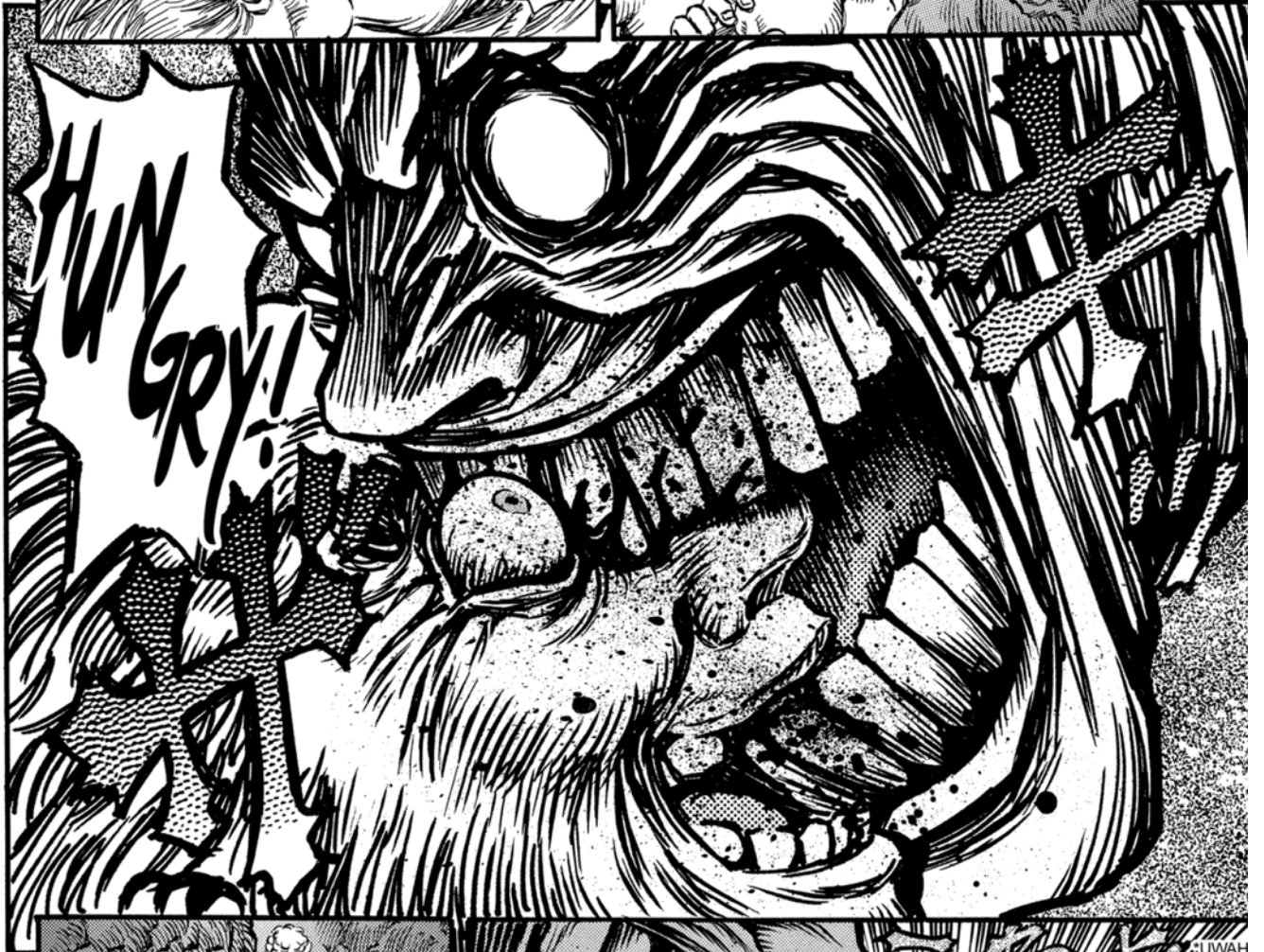


HEY,
WHAT'S
WRONG
?

*GRRGLE

H...

*FX: CRUN



SAY
WHAT
?

S...



UWAH

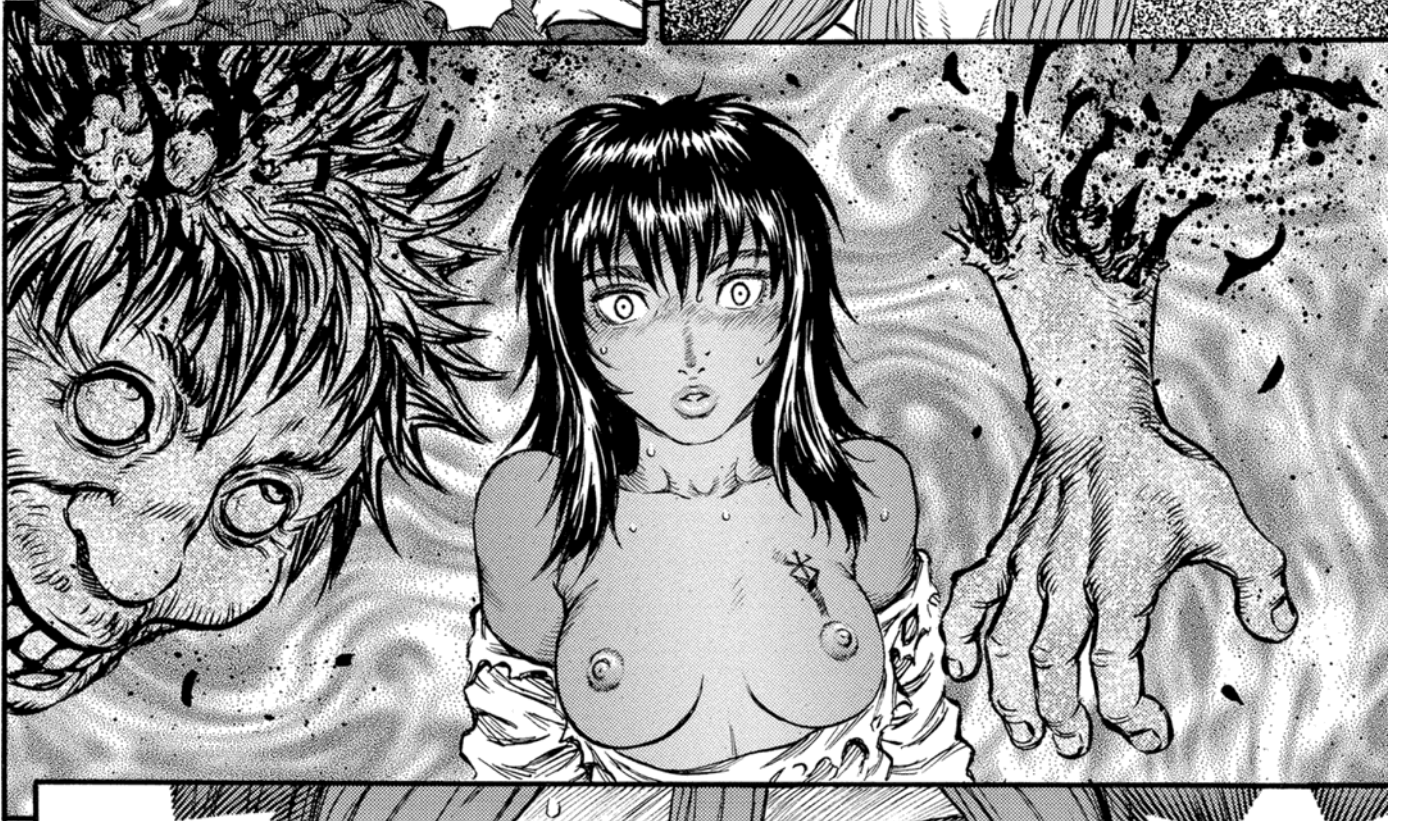
*KRUP KRUP.





WHAT IS
THIS...?!

WHA...?!



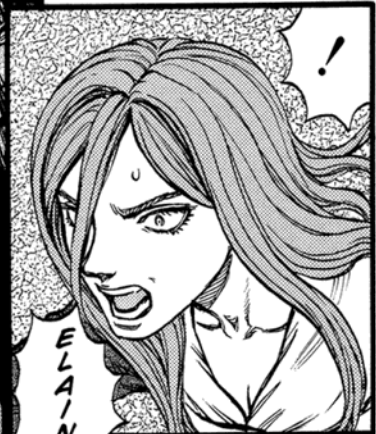
...IT'S
HER
?!

DON'T
TELL
ME...

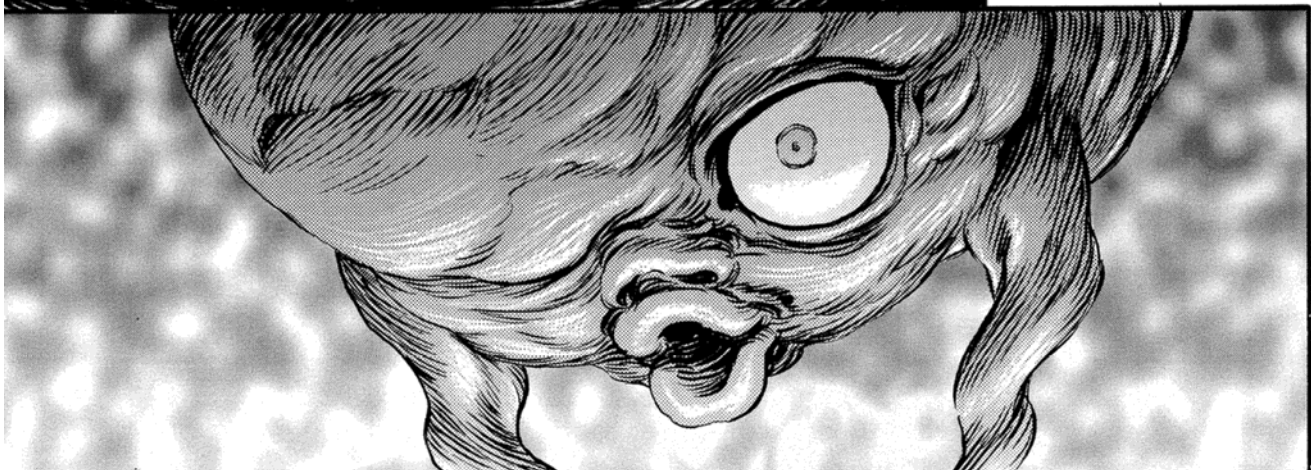


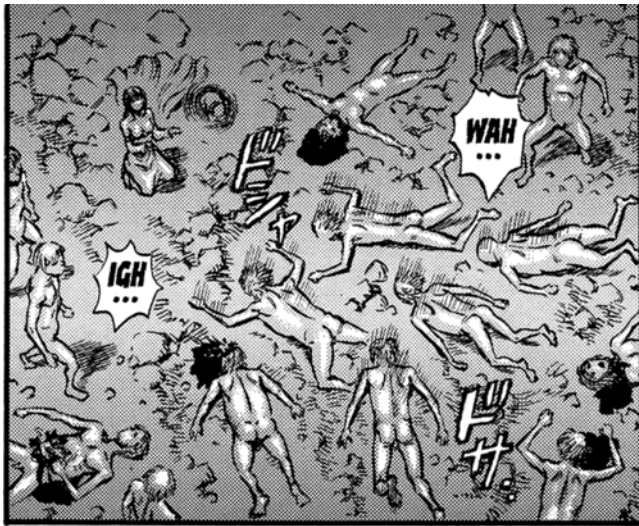


*FX: MWOHHH



*FX: FLINCH





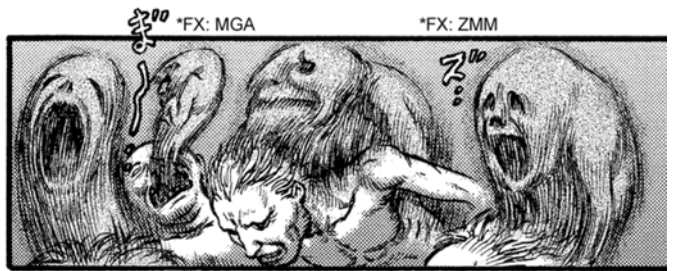
*FX: DOSH

*FX: THUD



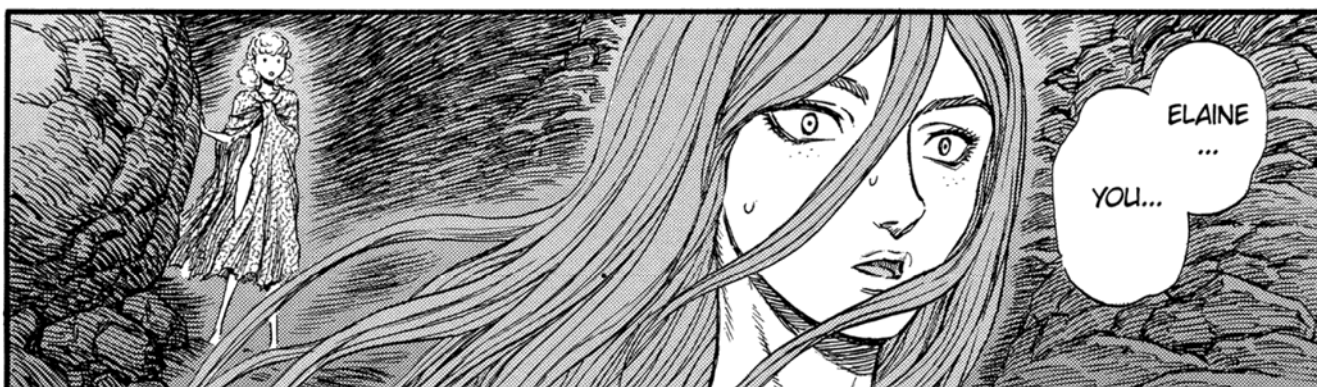
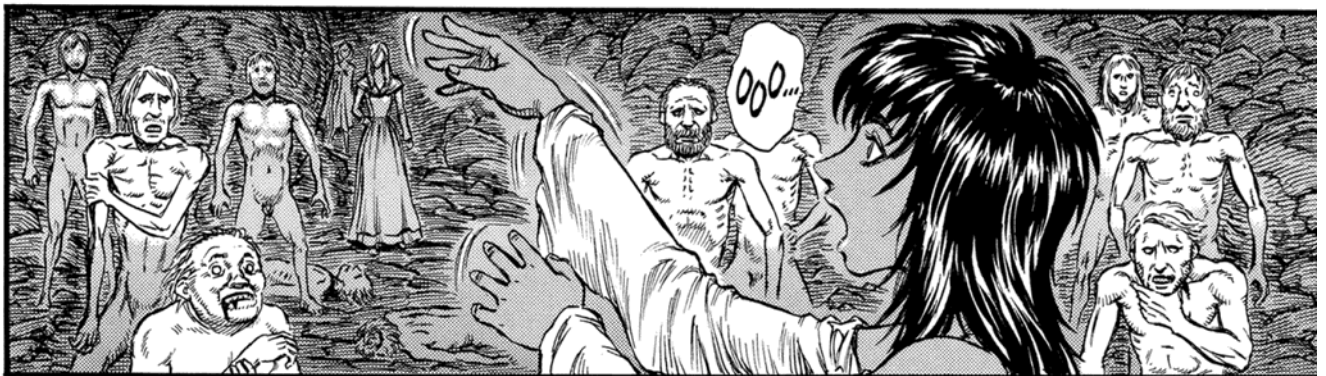
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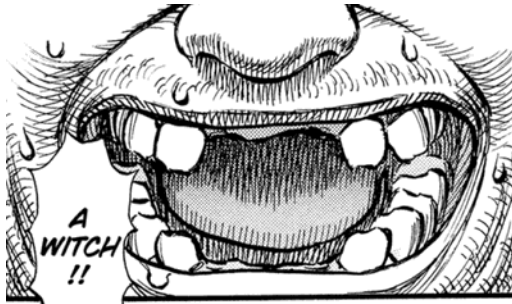
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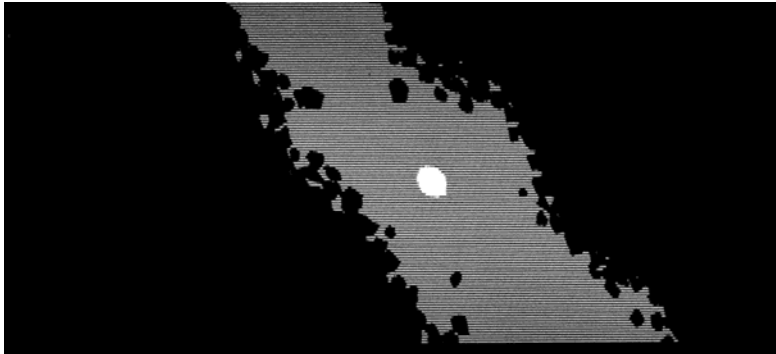


*FX: MGA

*FX: ZMM







*FX: ZHLF



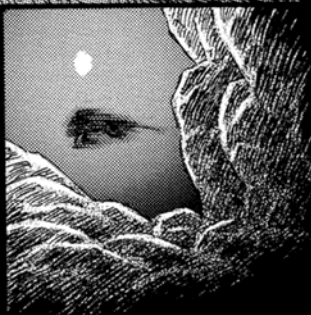
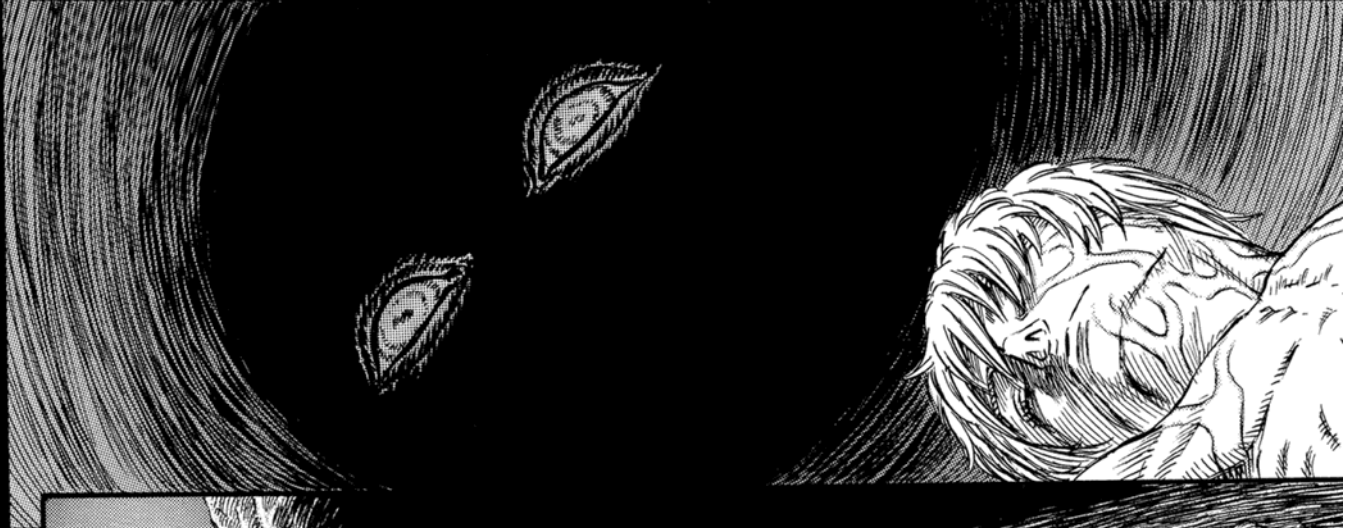
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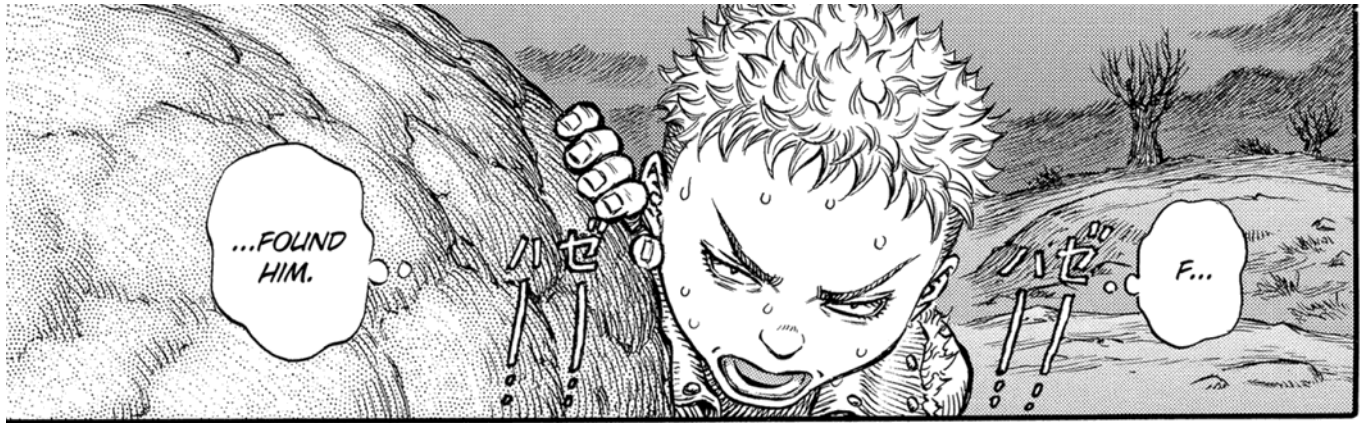


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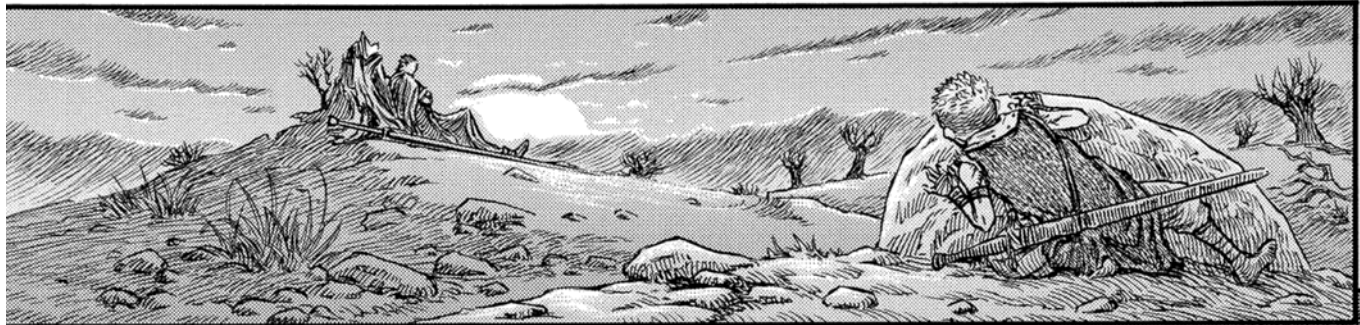


*WRRLLLL





*FX: HEHHH HAHHH HEHHH HAHHH

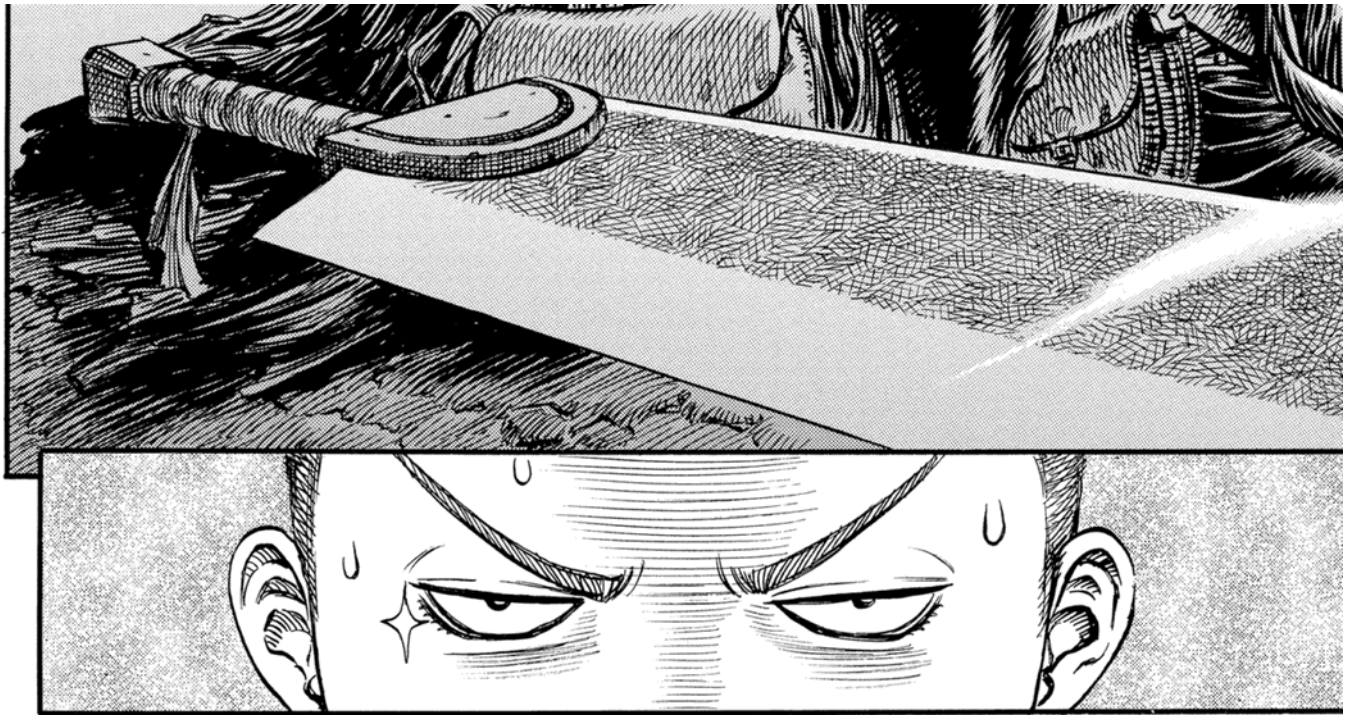


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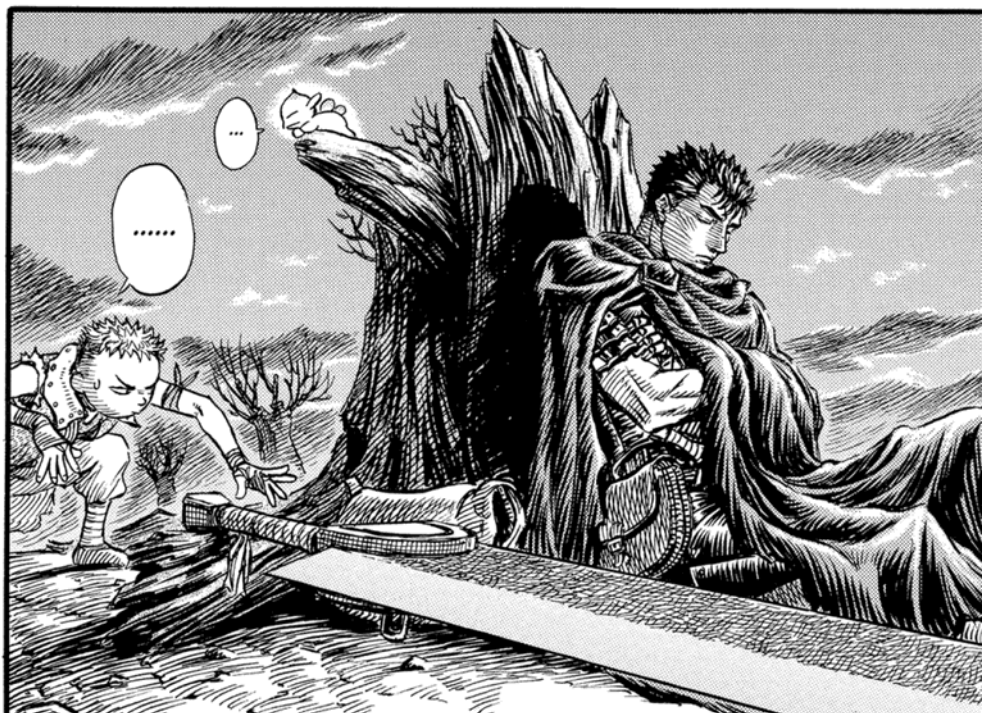


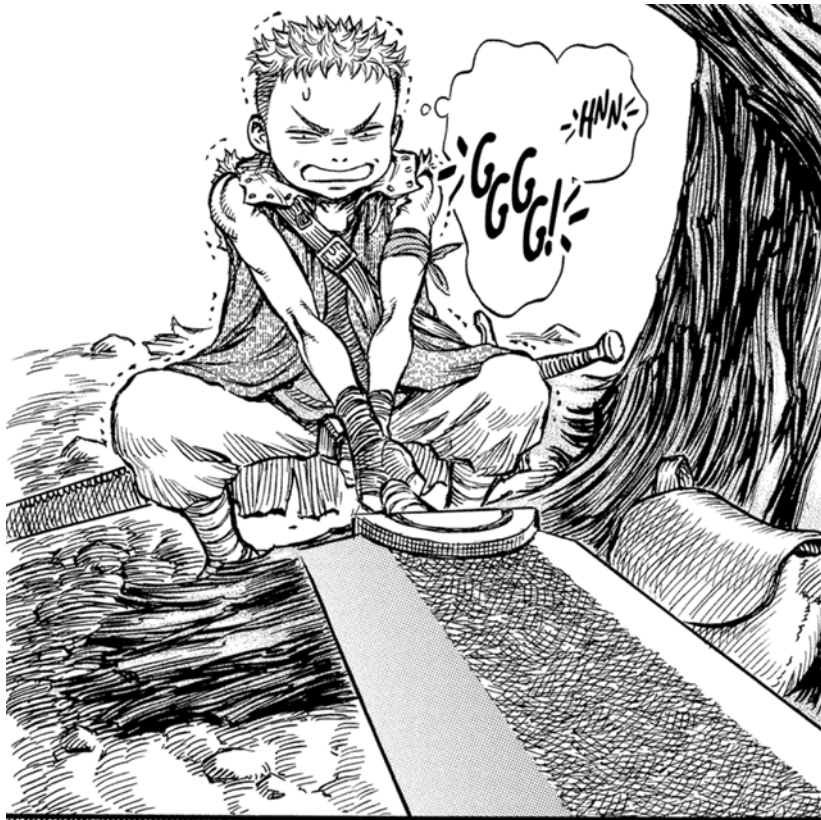


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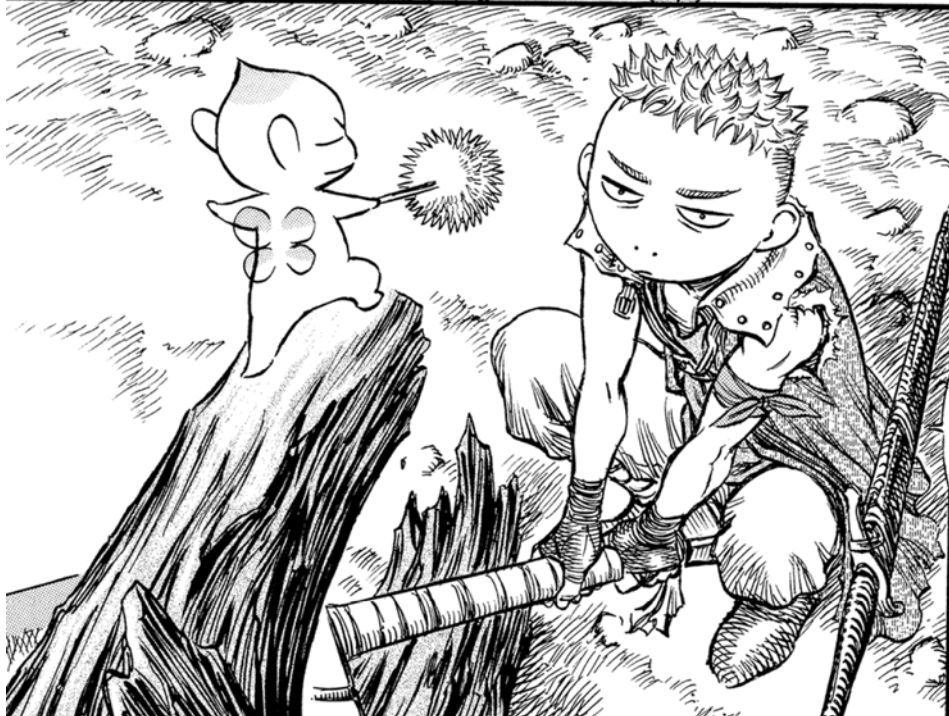
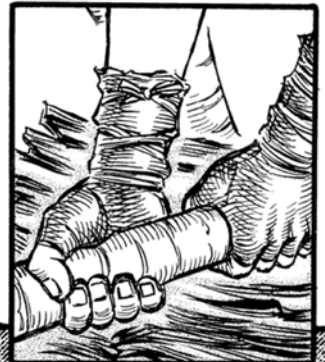
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I'LL BET
THIS
SWORD'S
FAMOUS
!!

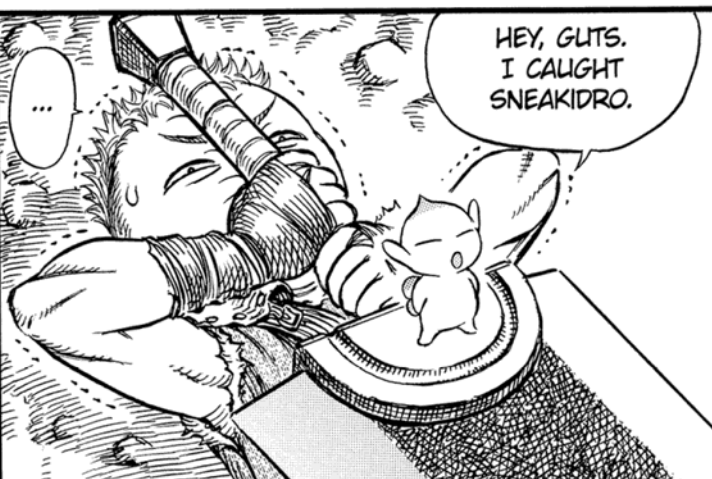
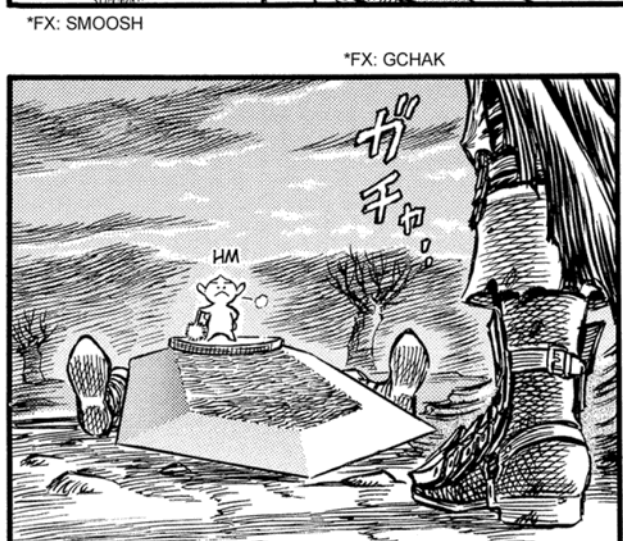
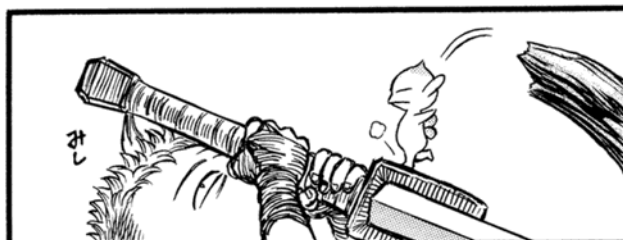
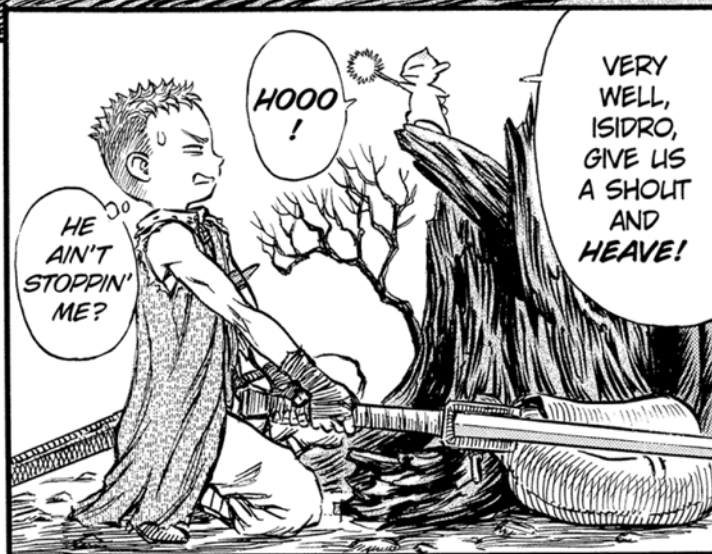
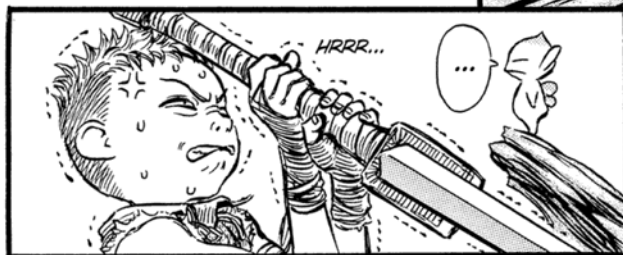
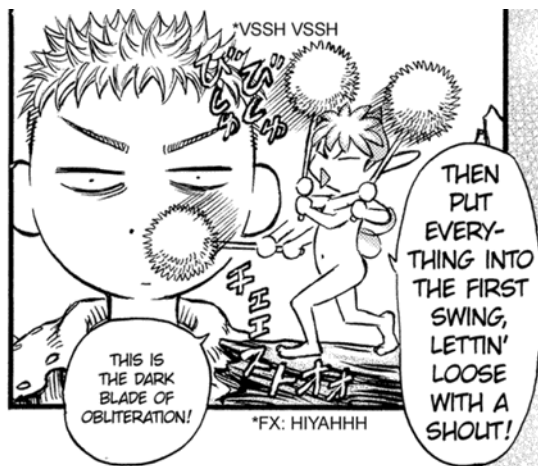
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SHARP!
SO
MASSIVE!

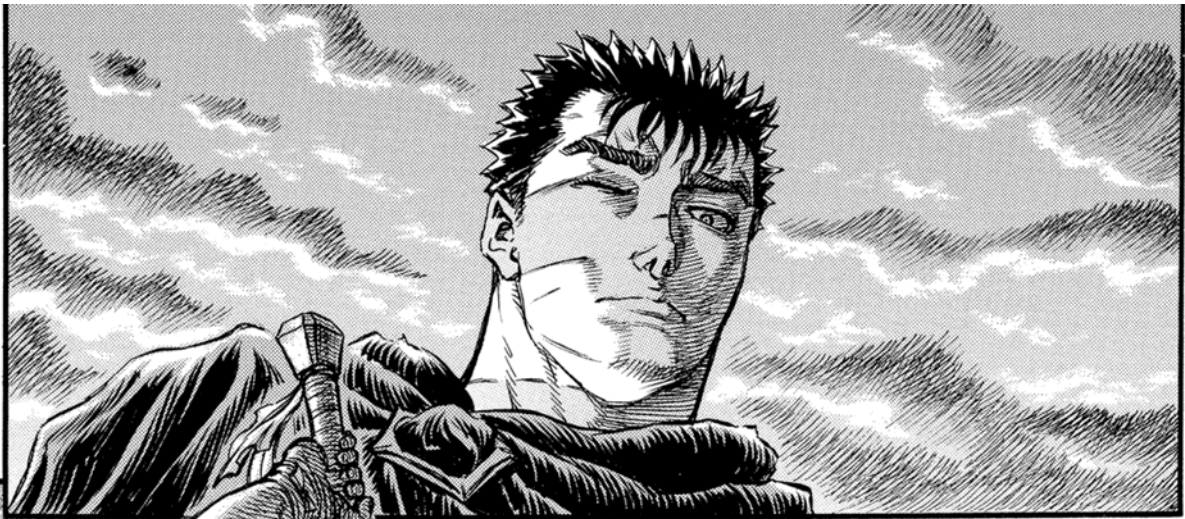


...SWINGS
IT
AROUND
SO
EASILY...

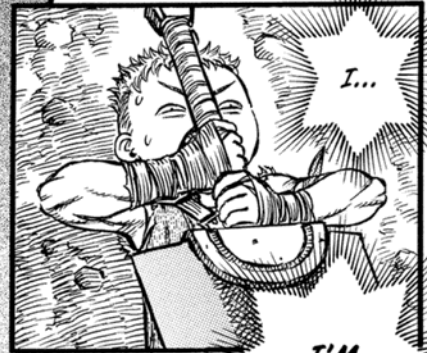
BUT
HE...

PUT
YOUR
BACK
INTO
IT.

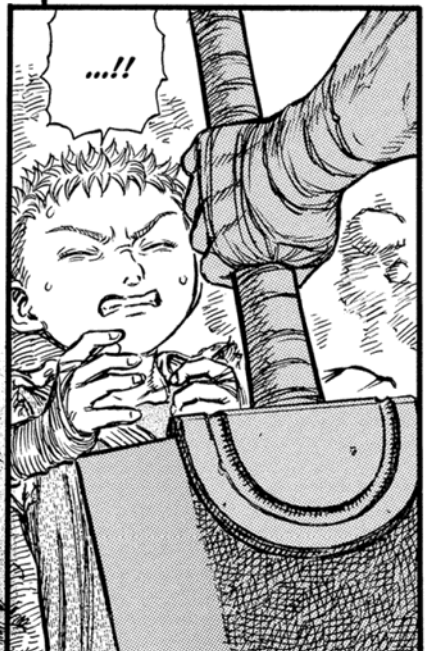
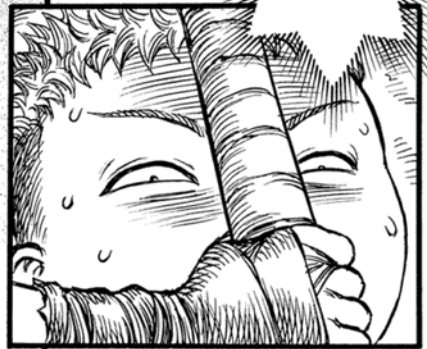


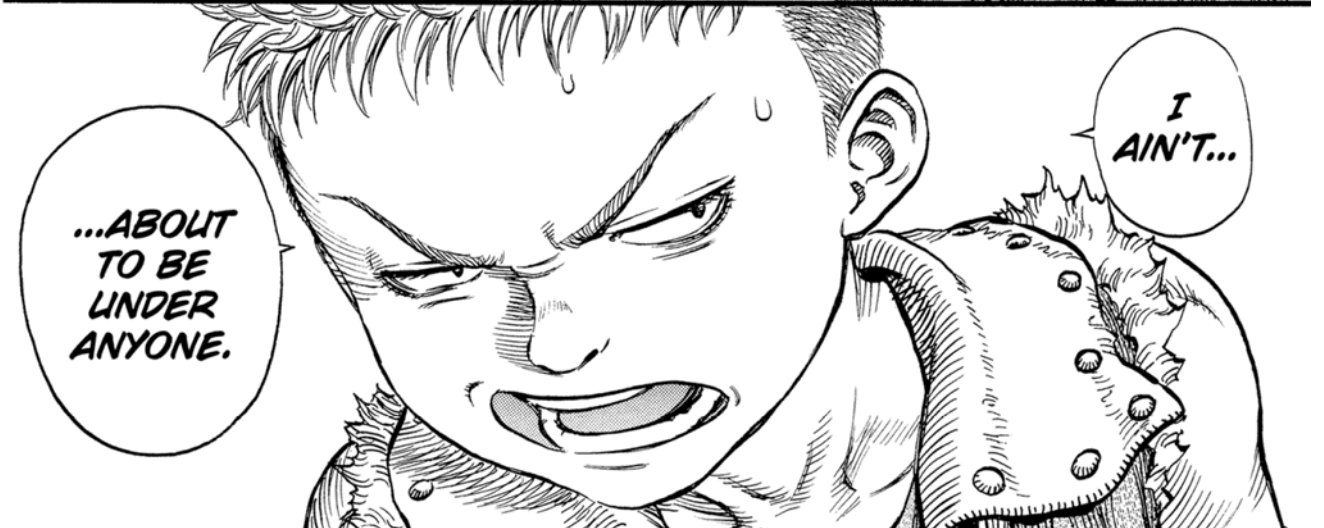
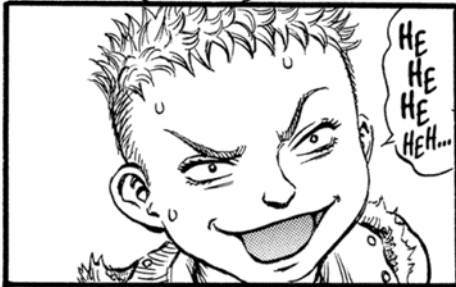
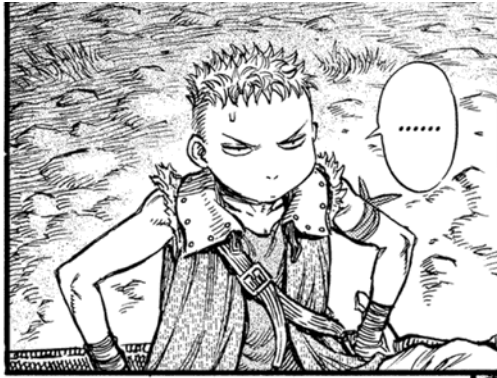


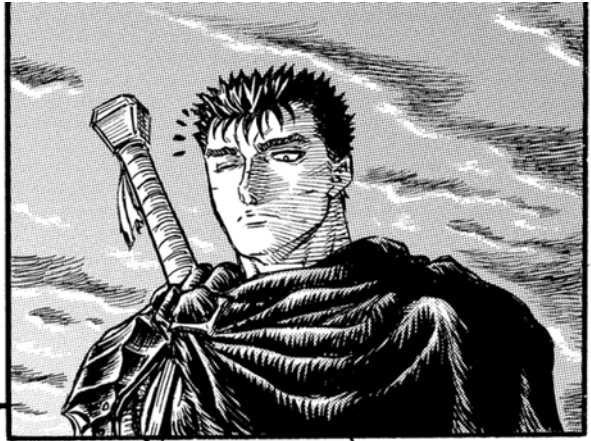
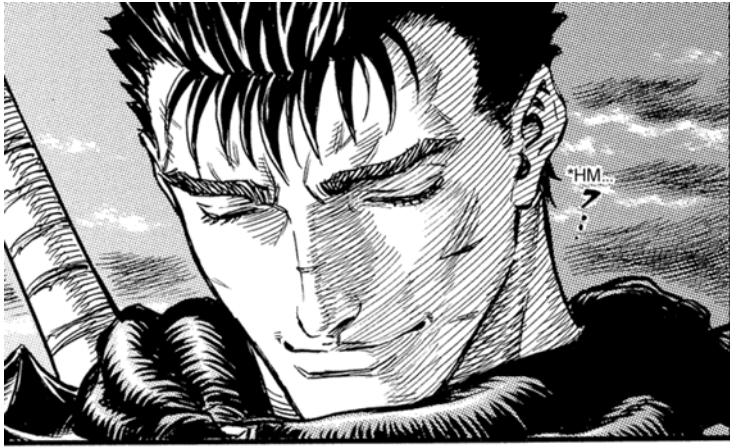
*FLUTTA



I'M
DEA--!!







HAVE YOU
EVER CUT
DOWN
ANYONE?

YOU MISS THAT
FOOD YOU GAVE
TO ME, AND
YOU'VE COME TO
TAKE IT BACK!
OH, FOR
SHAME!

AHH
!!

YOU
ATE ALL
THAT?

OKAY,
FINE
...

FORGET
ABOUT IT!
I ATE IT
ALL UP!
IT'S GONE!



DO
YOU WANT
TO BE A
FIGHTER?

YOU'VE
GOT A
SWORD.



WH-WHAT
I DO'S UP
TO ME!
YOU'VE
GOT NO
REASON TO
COMPLAIN!

IT'S BEST
IF YOU
DON'T HANG
AROUND ME
MUCH.

WELL,
IT DOESN'T
MAKE
MUCH DIF-
FERENCE.



.....

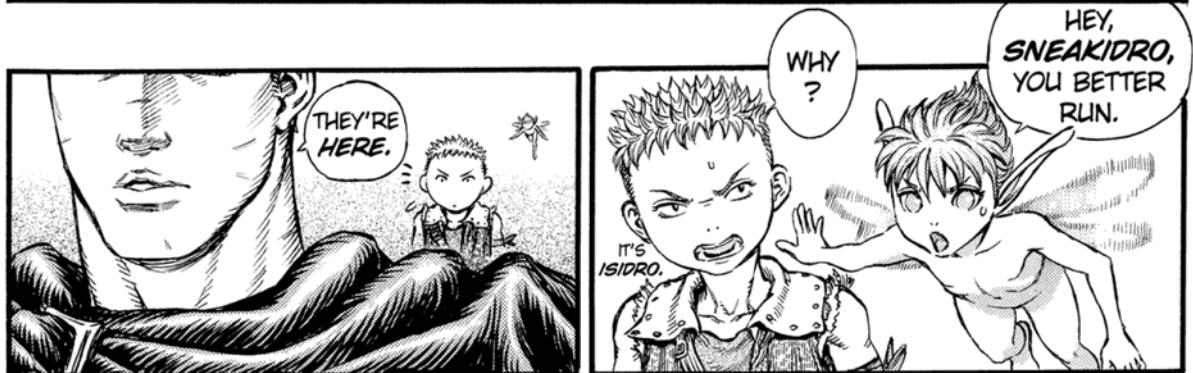
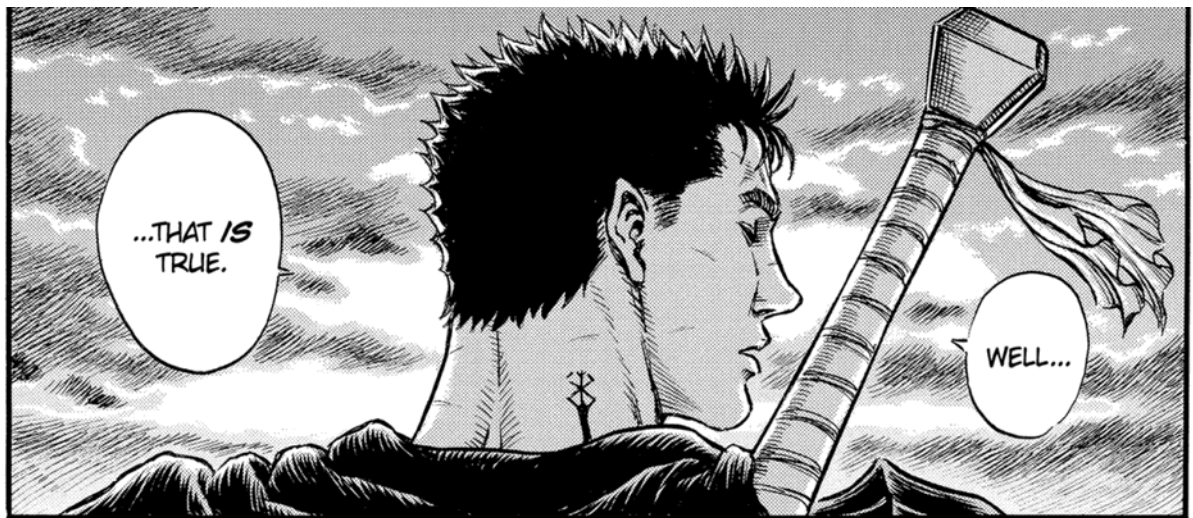


*FX: MUTTER

Y...

YEAH,
SURE.

... ONE
OR TWO
...



*FX: RMRMRMRMRM



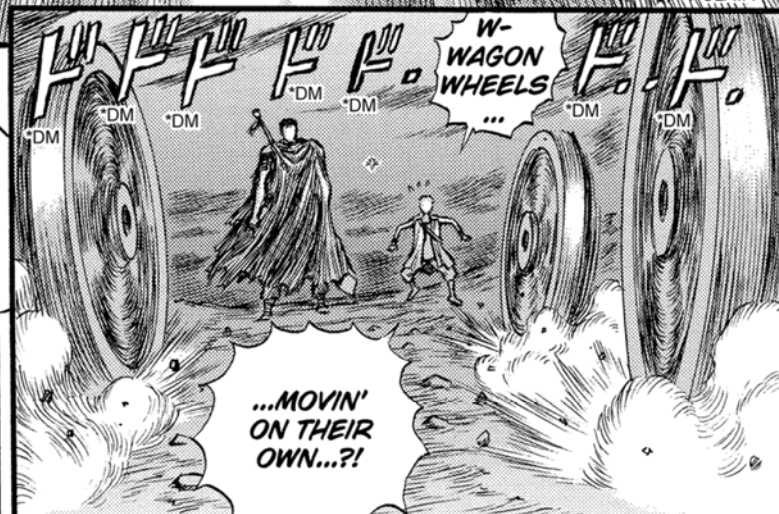
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THIS
IS
NEW.

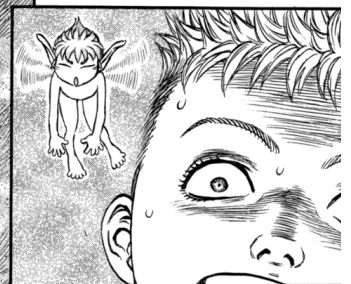
*FX: KSSSHA



...MOVIN'
ON THEIR OWN...?!



*K. KRIK KRIK





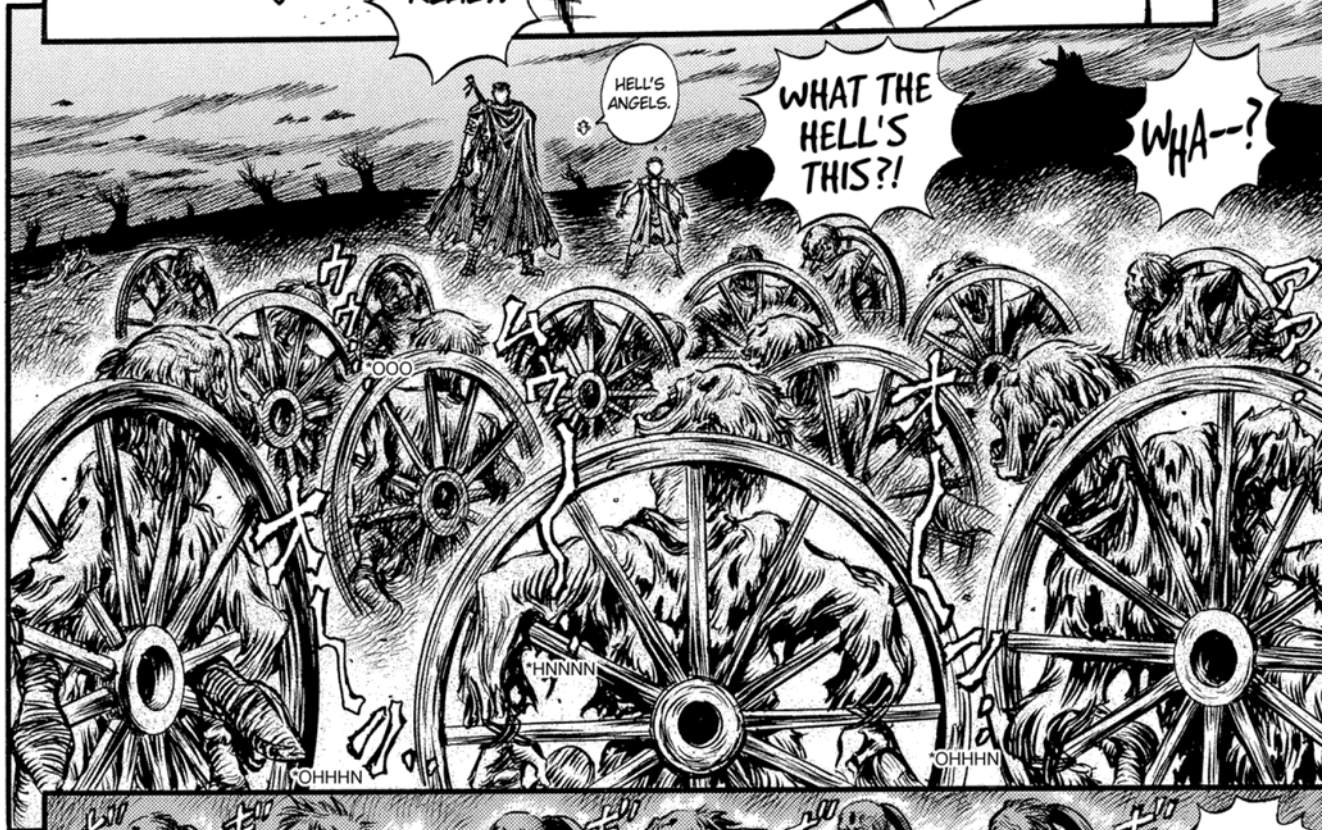
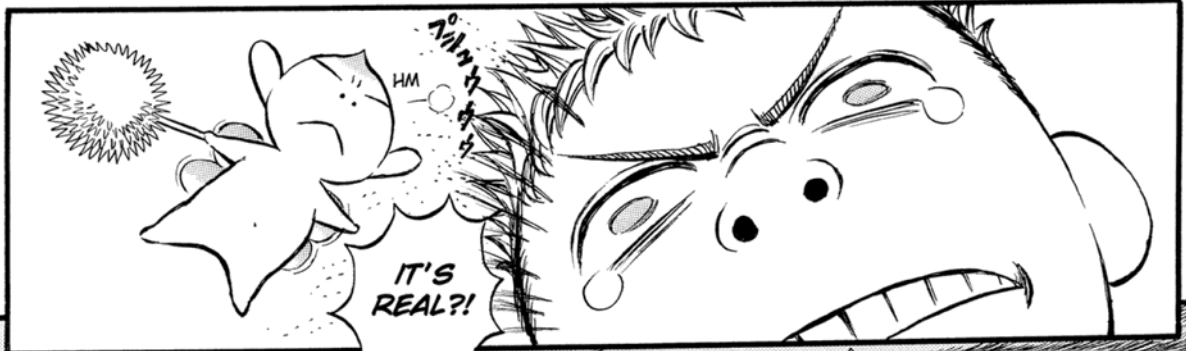
*FX: HIYAAAH!

*FX: STK STK STK STK STK



*FX: PINCH

*FX: PSSSSH







*BKOM

THEY JUST DIED
AND GOT STUPID,
AND THEY CAN'T
TELL WHO THEY'RE
CURSING.

THEY DON'T
REALLY HAVE
ANY REASON
TO HATE YOU
OR ME.

*CLAK

*CLAK

*CLAK



CURSE
YOUUU.

*BAAOHHHHHM

I'LL RIP
YOUR
GUTS
OUT.

IT
HURRTS.

GO TO
HELLL.

SHON
OF A
BISH.



THESE GUYS,
TOO...

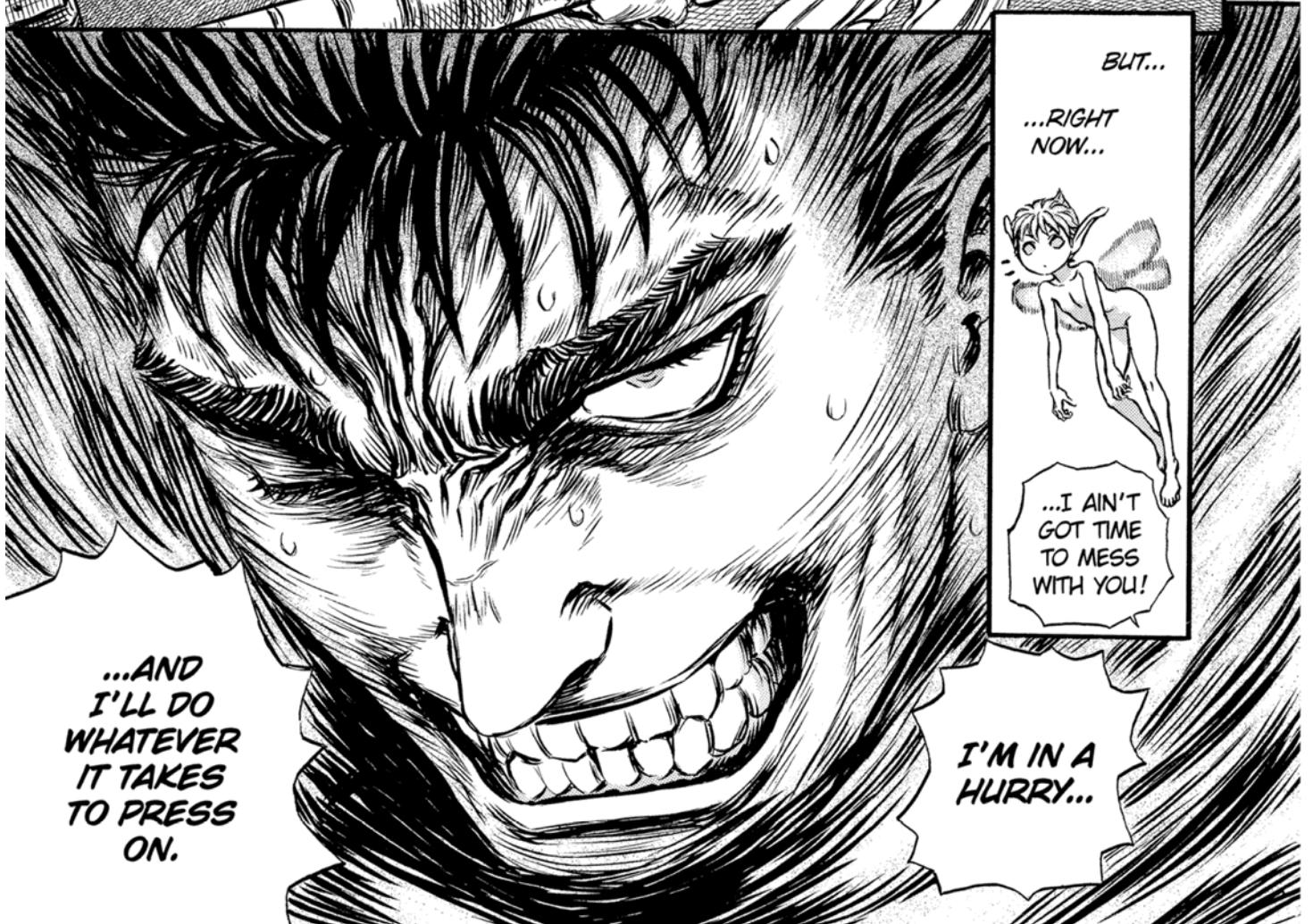
HATE, HATE,
HUH?



MONSTERS OR
WHATEVER, I DON'T
CARE. I JUST WANNA
UNLEASH THIS BLACK
MASS PENT UP
INSIDE ME.

*SQUEEZE

IT'S
ALWAYS
THE
SAME
FOR ME,
TOO.



BUT...

...RIGHT
NOW...

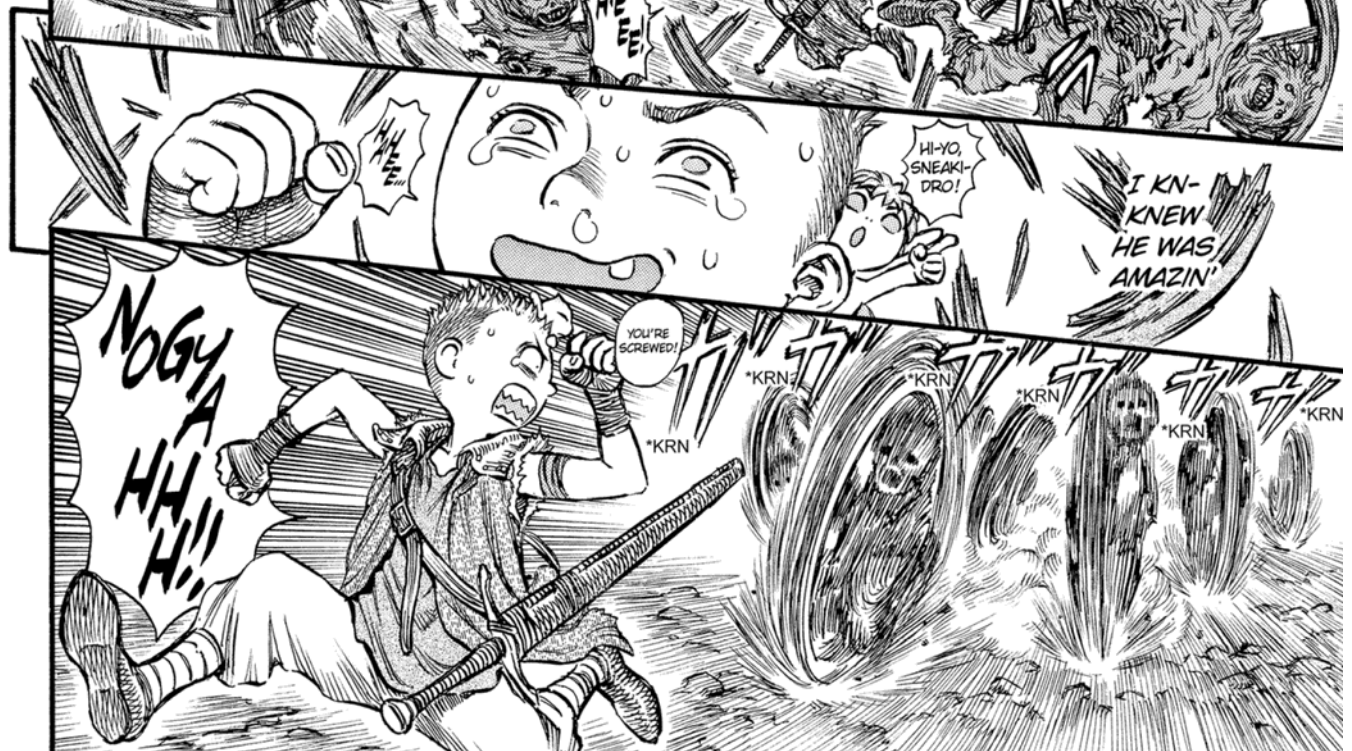
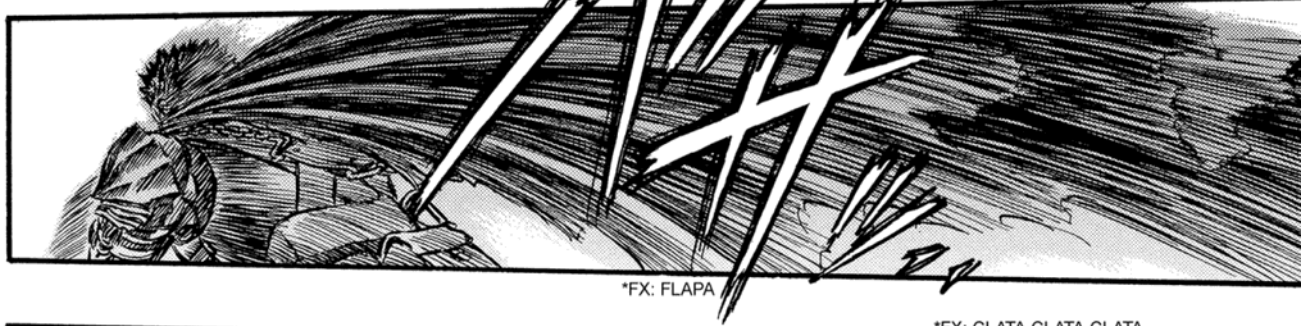


...I AIN'T
GOT TIME
TO MESS
WITH YOU!

...AND
I'LL DO
WHATEVER
IT TAKES
TO PRESS
ON.

I'M IN A
HURRY...

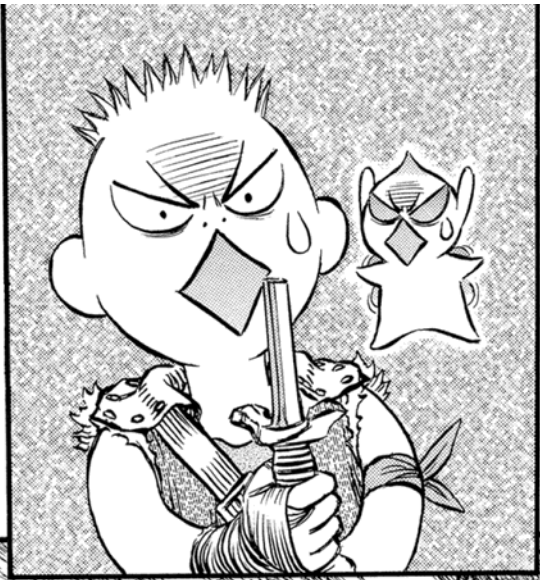


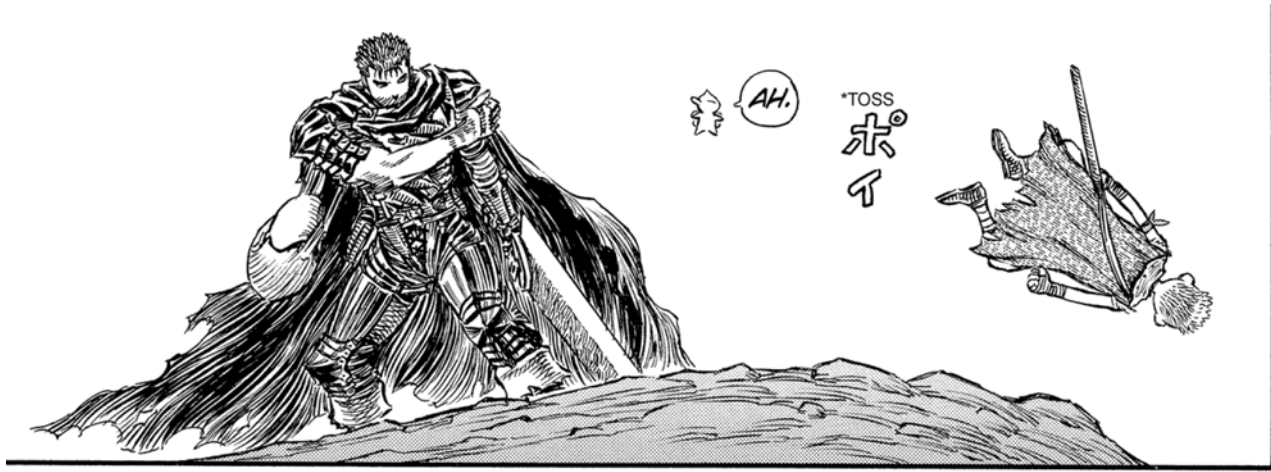




*FX: CLATA CLATA CLATA





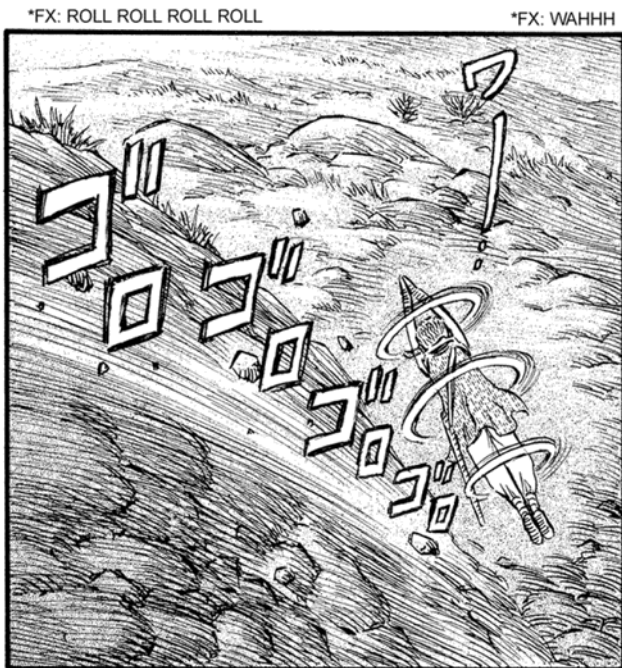


★ AH.

*TOSS
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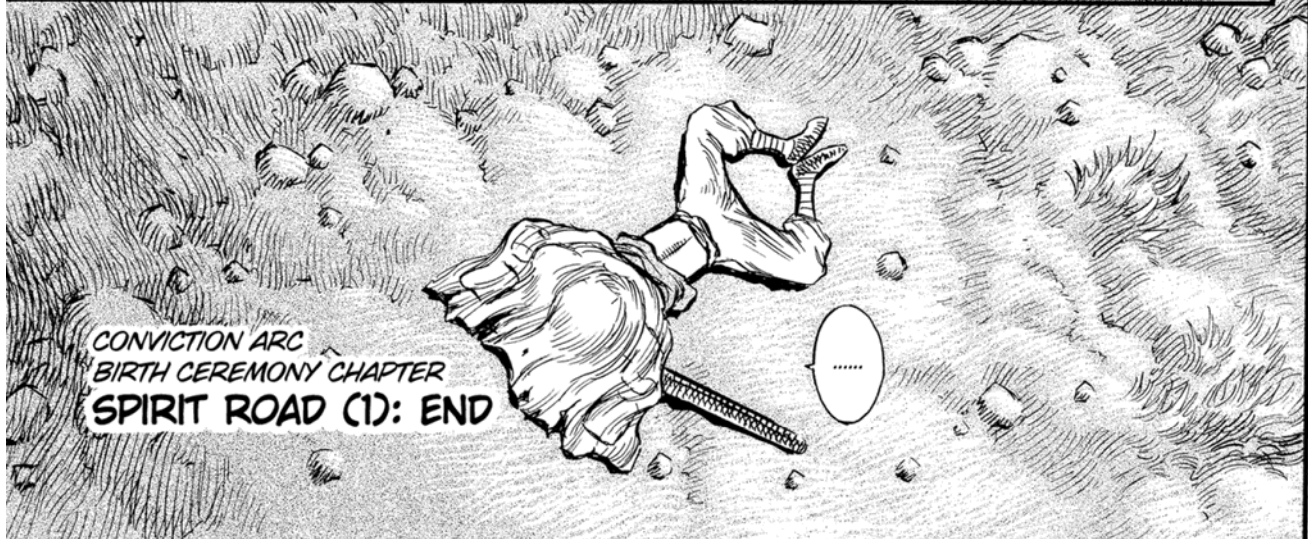
*FX: FLUTT



*FX: ROLL ROLL ROLL ROLL

*FX: WAHHH

*FX: CLATA CLATA CLATA CLATA



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SPIRIT ROAD (1): END

BERSERK



*FX: ZHA ZHA ZHA

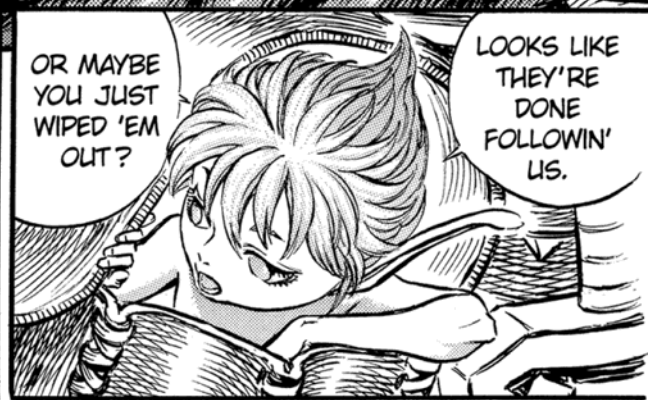


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*FX: GCHAK GCHAK





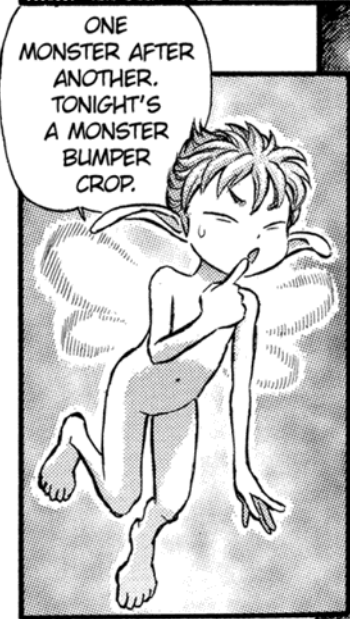
WONDER?
IF HE
DIED?

I
WONDER
WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THAT
BOY.

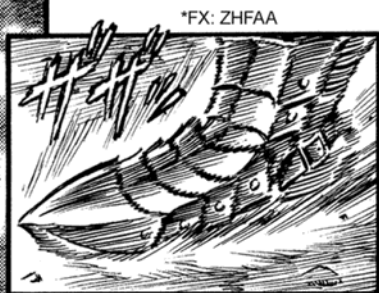


PISS
OFF.

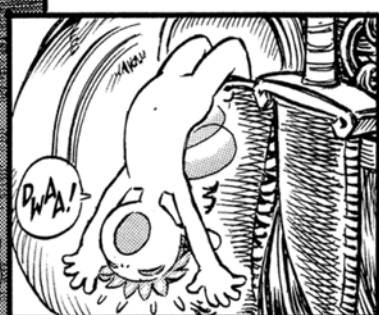
HE KINDA
SEEMED LIKE
YOU... NASTY
LOOK IN HIS
EYES, AND SO
STUBBORN.



ONE
MONSTER AFTER
ANOTHER.
TONIGHT'S
A MONSTER
BUMPER
CROP.

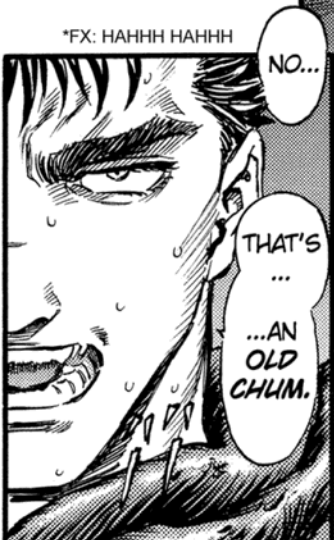


*FX: ZHFAA



PWA!

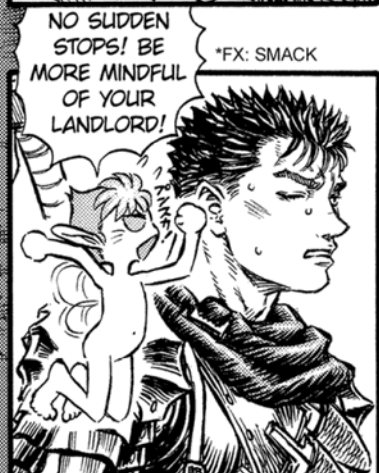
NYEW?



*FX: HAHHH HAHHH

NO...

THAT'S
...
...AN
OLD
CHUM.



NO SUDDEN
STOPS! BE
MORE MINDFUL
OF YOUR
LANDLORD!

*FX: SMACK





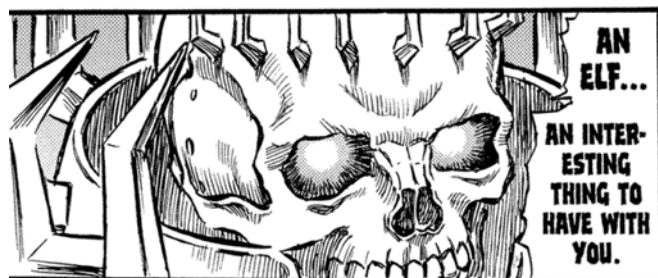
YOU SEEM
IN GOOD
HEALTH,
STRUGGLER.

I THOUGHT
I'D GET
YOUR
ATTENTION.



I DIDN'T THINK
YOU HAD *MANY*
HUMAN FRIENDS,
BUT OF ALL
THINGS A
MONSTER...?

EH? YOU
KNOW EACH
OTHER?



AN
ELF...

AN INTER-
ESTING
THING TO
HAVE WITH
YOU.



HE MAY NOT
LOOK IT, BUT
HE'S PRETTY
LONELY.
PLEASE BE
NICE TO HIM.
BY THE WAY,
I'M PUCK...

YOU
SHUT UP
A MINUTE.

AH!
THAT'S
NOT TO
SAY I DIS-
CRIMINATE
AGAINST
MON-
STERS.



SOMETHING...
ABOUT HIM...

HUH...?



*SEETHE



THE TIES
THAT BIND
ARE
STRONG.

HMM...
TWO
YEARS
PRIOR...

ONE IS
KNOWN
TO BE
LOCATED
WHERE I'M
HEADED...

AS I SAID
BEFORE,
I AM THE
FOE OF THE
INHUMANS.

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOIN' IN
A PLACE
LIKE
THIS?

IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE,
PAL.

...THE
LEADER.

POSSIBLY

AN
APOSTLE'S
NEAR
HERE...?!

APOSTLE

H...

...ALSO
THE LAND
YOU
SEEK.

...PERHAPS
IS...
AND
WHERE
I'M
GOING...

NOT
THAT
...!!

WHADDA
YOU
MEAN?!

HOLD
UP!!



ARE YOU
SAYING THE
GODHAND
ARE
THERE?!

...TOWER
OF CON-
VICTION.

NOT THAT
THEY'RE
AT THE...

BUT AT THE SAME TIME,
IT CAN BE SAID THAT AS A
HUGE BODY OF THOUGHT,
THEY CANNOT TAKE FLESH IN
THIS WORLD, THUS THEY
EXIST NOWHERE.

ANY PLACE
NEGATIVE HUMAN
THOUGHTS SWIRL
IN A LARGE CON-
CENTRATION.

THEY EXIST
EVERYWHERE
IN THIS
WORLD.



**IT WAS A
REVELATION.**

LIKELY EVERY
HUMAN IN
THE WORLD
WAS WITNESS
TO THAT
SAME THING.

DID YOU NOT
SEE IT TOO?
**THE DREAM OF
THE SHINING
HAWK?**

I DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR YER
ANNOYIN'
ANSWERS!!



ONCE
AGAIN,
YOU LOST
ME...

WHEN THE
CONCENTRATION
REACHES A
CRITICAL POINT,
ONE WHO
SHOULD EXIST
IN THE DIVINE
DOMAIN...

...IS
INCARNATED,
JUST ONCE
IN A
THOUSAND
YEARS.

BUT AT
TIMES
THERE ARE
EXCEP-
TIONS.





**...IS GOING
TO APPEAR
IN THIS
WORLD.**

**THAT
SOMEONE
...**

**...WHO
SIGNIFIES
THE
HAWK...**

THE
HAWK...?!



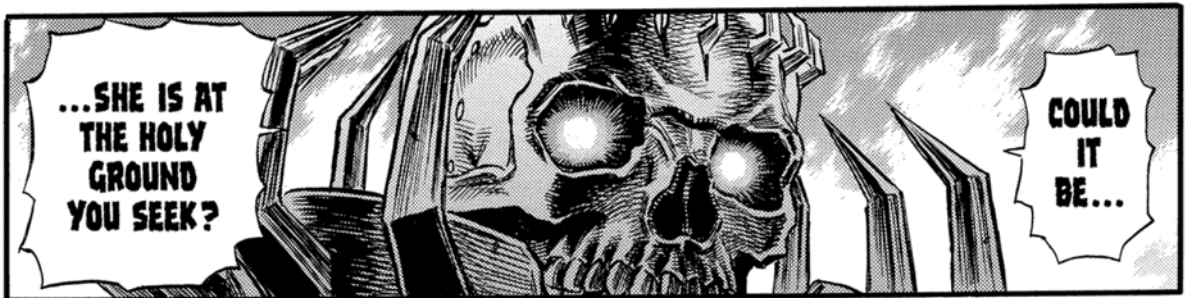
GLITS
?

HAWK...



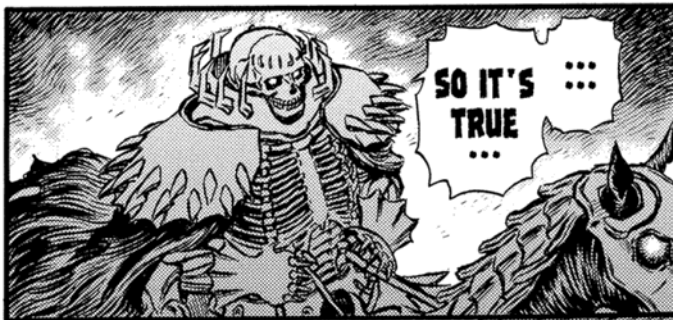
I ASK
YOU
THIS...
THAT GIRL
WHO WAS
WITH YOU,
WHERE IS
SHE NOW?

!



...SHE IS AT
THE HOLY
GROUND
YOU SEEK?

COULD
IT
BE...



SO IT'S ...
TRUE ...



WHAT
?



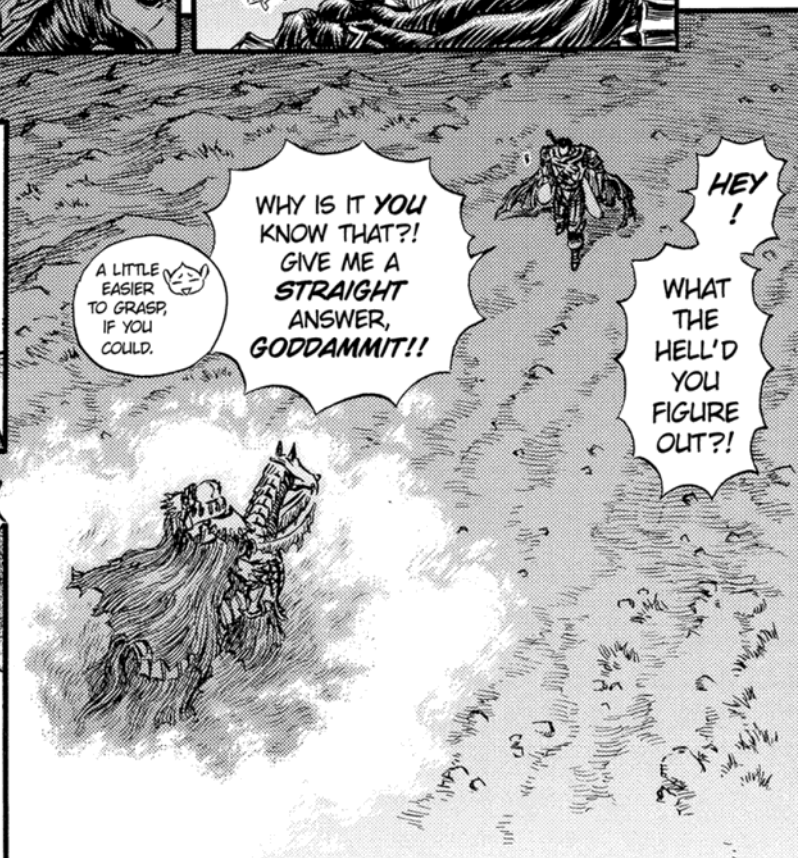
THE CON-
CENTRATION
OF THAT
IDEA IS
CALLED THE
"FESTIVAL."

THE
POWER OF GOD
DESCENDS
TO EARTH ...



AND THE
FESTIVAL IS
ESSENTIALLY
A DIVINE
WORK...

IT TRACES A
PHENOMENON
IN THE DIVINE
DOMAIN.

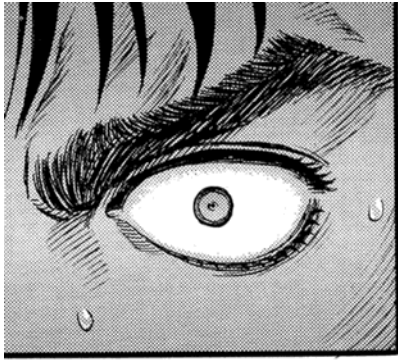


WHY IS IT YOU
KNOW THAT?!
GIVE ME A
STRAIGHT
ANSWER,
GODDAMMIT!!

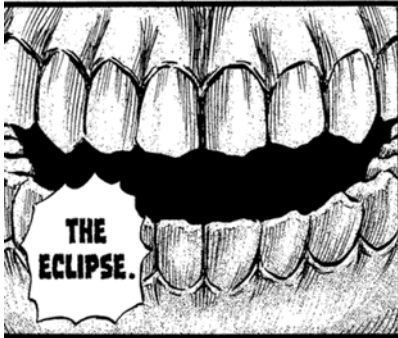
A LITTLE
EASIER
TO GRASP,
IF YOU
COULD.

HEY
!

WHAT
THE
HELL'D
YOU
FIGURE
OUT?!



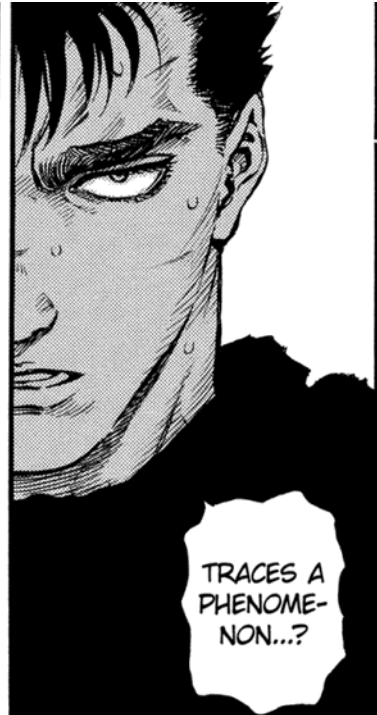
AND YOU
AND THAT
GIRL WILL
COME TO
THROW
YOUR-
SELVES
INTO THEIR
MIDST.



THE
ECLIPSE.

IT NEARLY
PARALLELS
THAT OTHER
TIME...

THE
FLOCKING
SHEEP
WHO'VE
BEEN LED
TO THE
BLOOD-
SPATTERED
HOLY
GROUND
DESIRE THE
"HAWK OF
LIGHT."

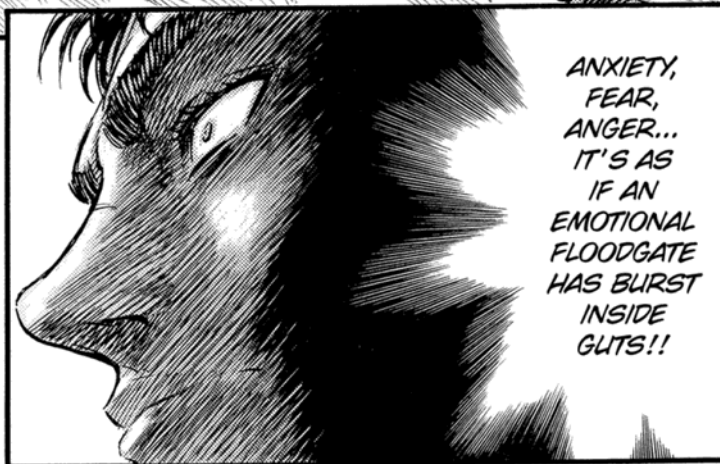


TRACES A
PHENOME-
NON...?

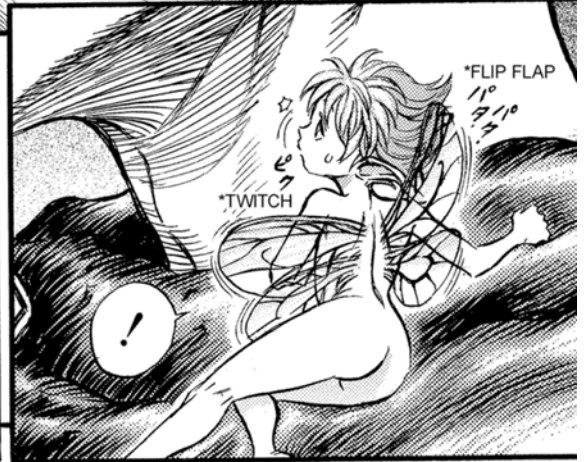


IT'S AN
ATTEMPT
...

...TO
IMITATE
THE
ECLIPSE.

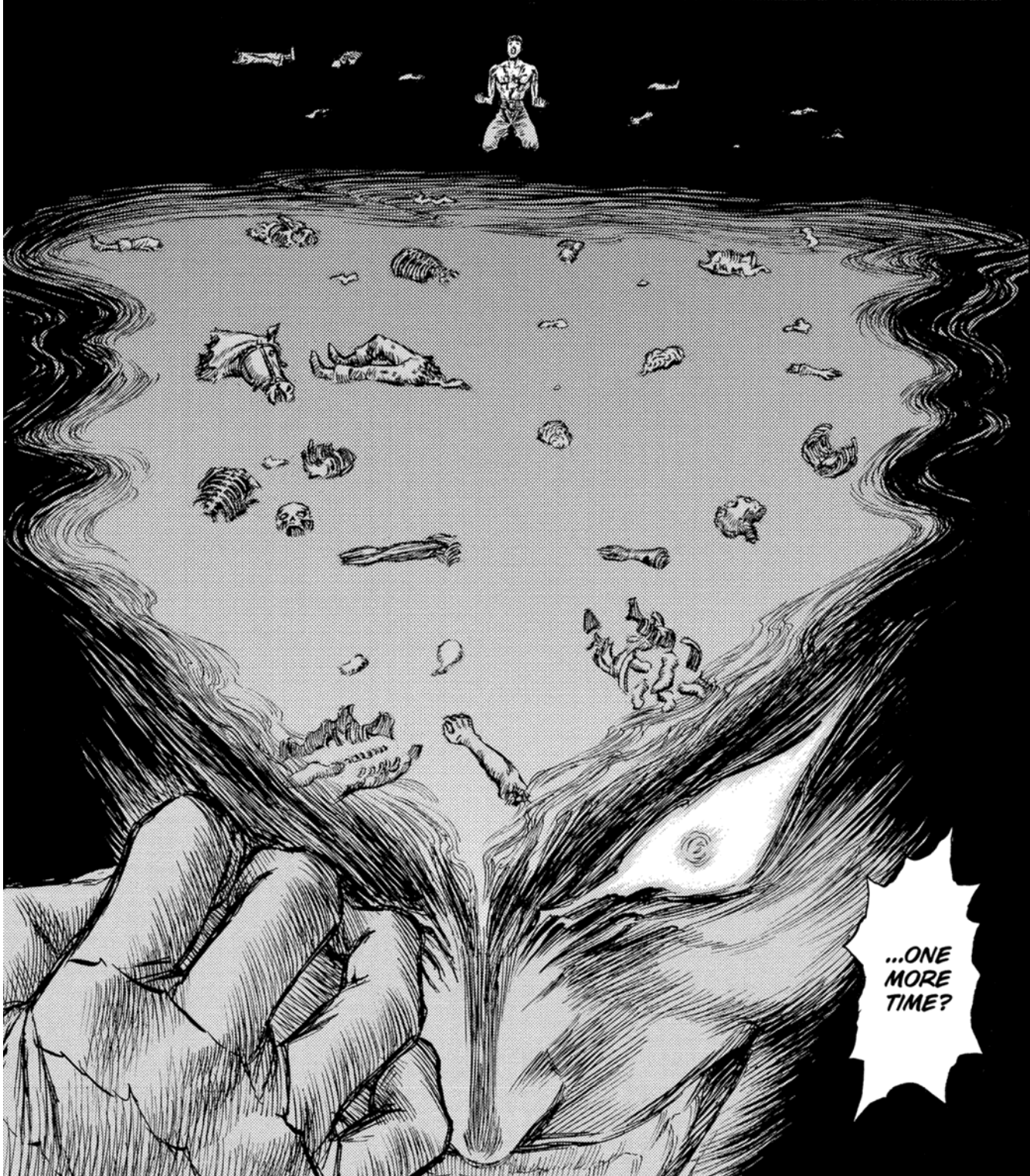
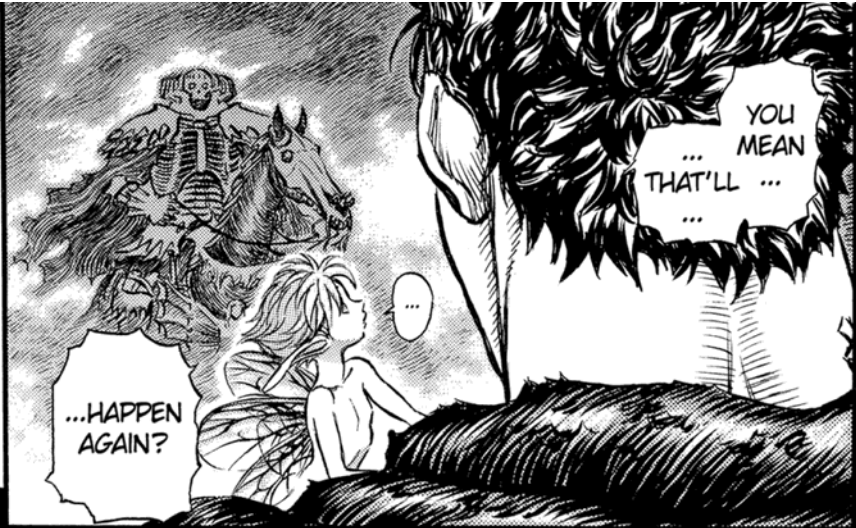


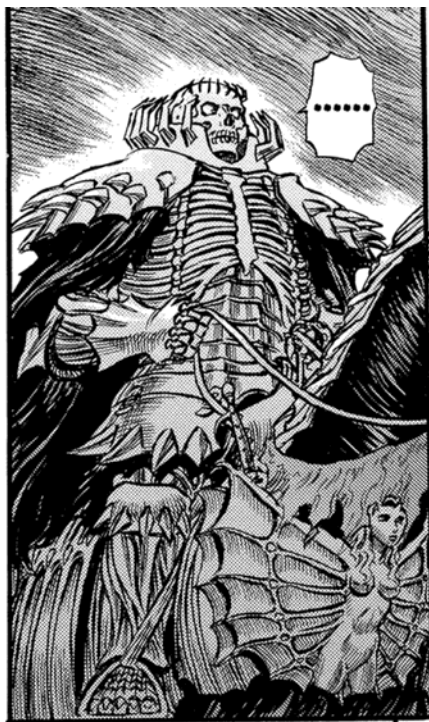
ANXIETY,
FEAR,
ANGER...
IT'S AS
IF AN
EMOTIONAL
FLOODGATE
HAS BURST
INSIDE
GUTS!!



...WHAT'S
THIS...?

HUH...?
BUT...





IS
THIS...

...
ECSTASY
?!



...THE
COURSE
OF THIS
FESTIVAL.

...THERE'S
NO WAY
FOR MAN
TO
CHANGE...

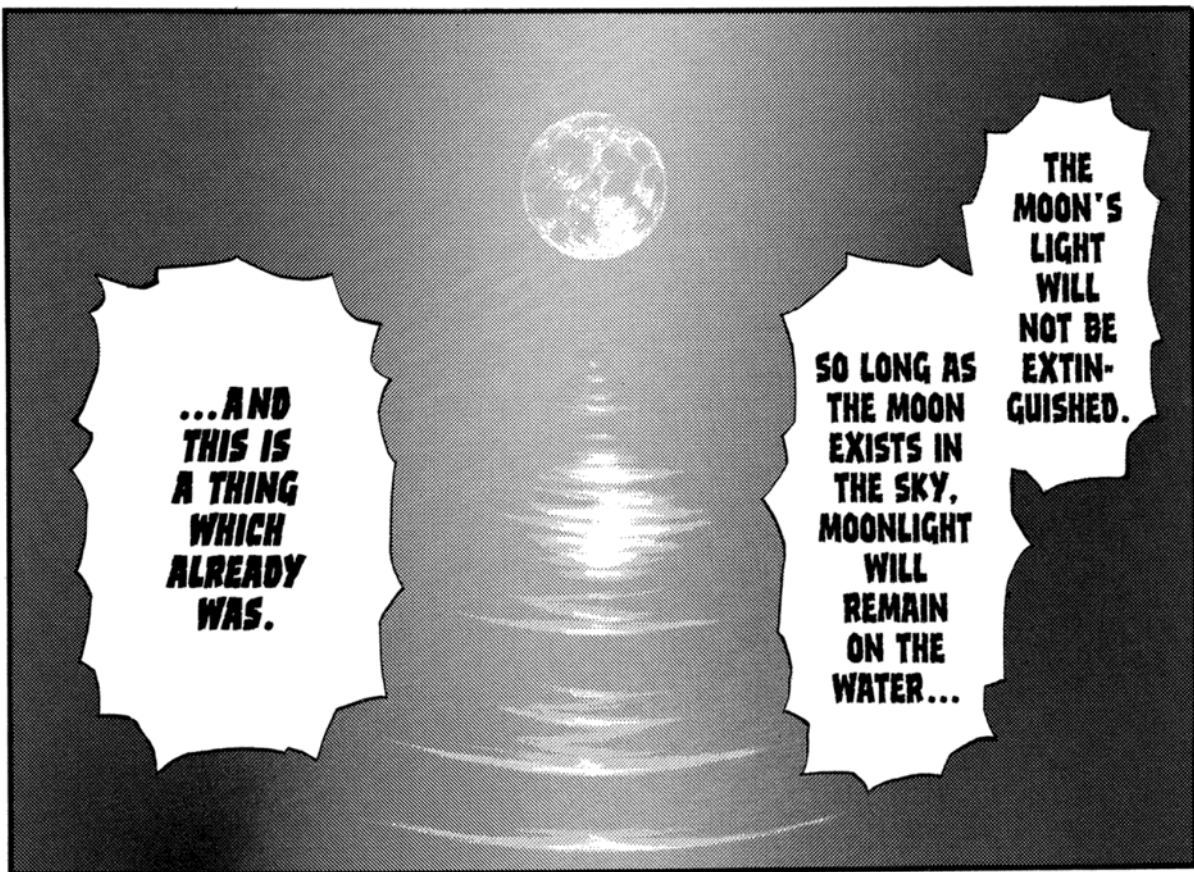
UNFORTU-
NATELY...



THIS WORLD IS
AS MOONLIGHT
REFLECTED ON
THE WATER'S
SURFACE.



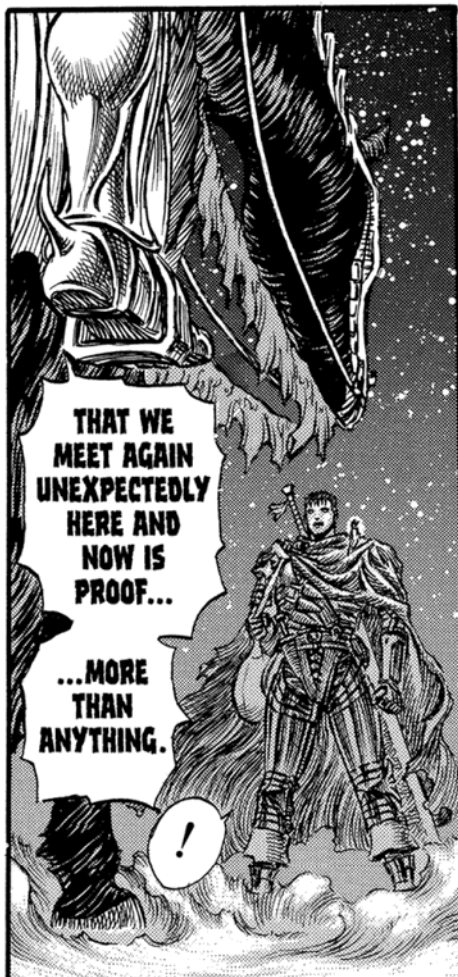
WHAT
?



**...AND
THIS IS
A THING
WHICH
ALREADY
WAS.**

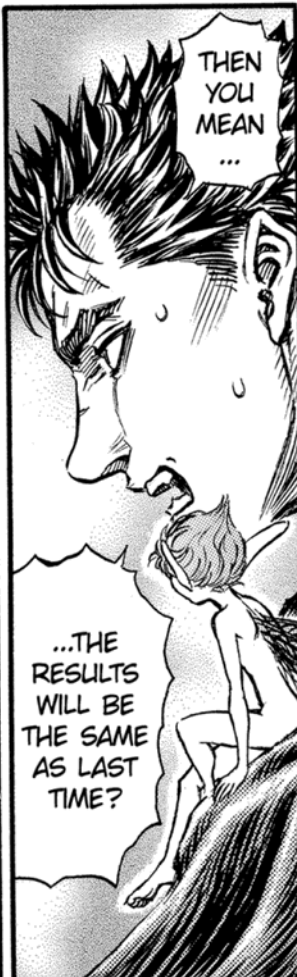
**SO LONG AS
THE MOON
EXISTS IN
THE SKY,
MOONLIGHT
WILL
REMAIN
ON THE
WATER...**

**THE
MOON'S
LIGHT
WILL
NOT BE
EXTIN-
GUISHED.**



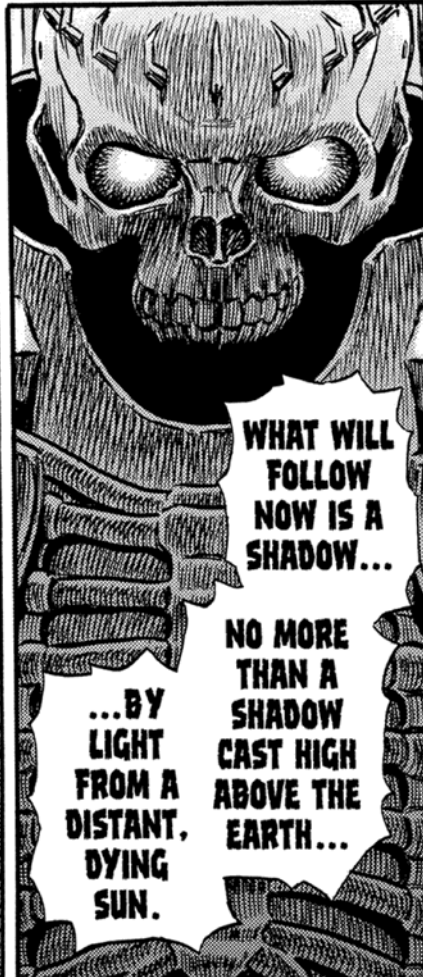
**THAT WE
MEET AGAIN
UNEXPECTEDLY
HERE AND
NOW IS PROOF...**

**...MORE
THAN
ANYTHING.**



**THEN
YOU
MEAN
...**

**...THE
RESULTS
WILL BE
THE SAME
AS LAST
TIME?**



**WHAT WILL
FOLLOW
NOW IS A
SHADOW...**

**NO MORE
THAN A
SHADOW
CAST HIGH
ABOVE THE
EARTH...**

**...BY
LIGHT
FROM A
DISTANT,
DYING
SUN.**

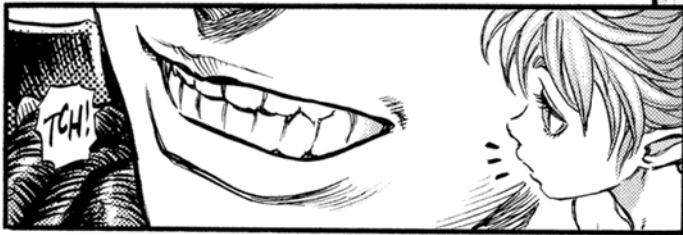


...ARE STILL
MERELY
SHADOWS
ON THE
WATER.

WE WHO
EXIST
BEYOND THE
PHYSICAL
...

...WITHIN
THE
CURRENT
OF
CAUSALITY.

WE
ALREADY
SUBSIST...

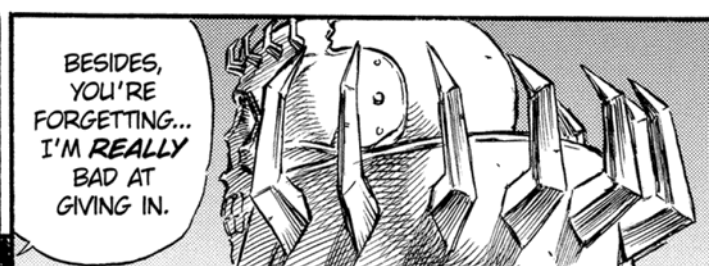


I DECIDED ON THE
TOWER OF CONVICTION--
AND GO THERE ON
MY OWN FEET.
NOBODY ORDERED
ME TO.

WHO CARES
ABOUT
SHADOWS?
CAUSALITY?



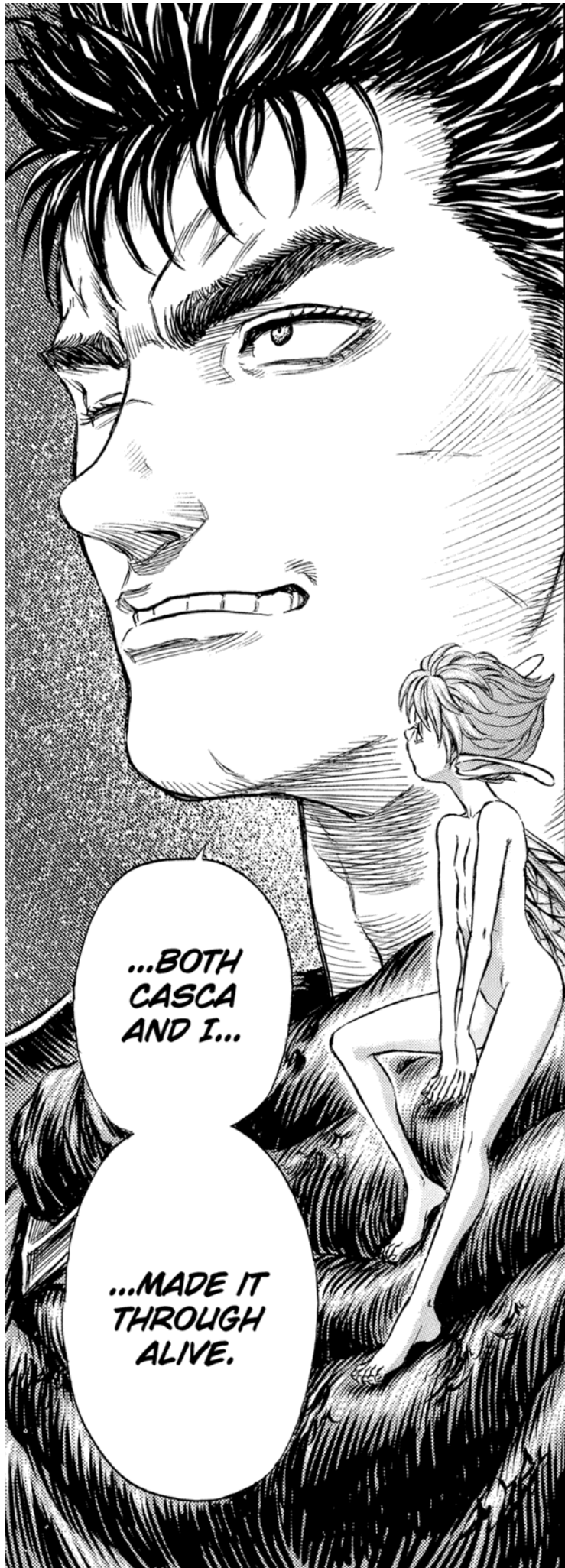
YOU
GAVE
ME
THAT
NAME
...



BESIDES,
YOU'RE
FORGETTING...
I'M REALLY
BAD AT
GIVING IN.



THE NAME
"STRUGGLER."



...BOTH
CASCA
AND I...

...MADE IT
THROUGH
ALIVE.



THIS PROUD MONSTER
ONCE PREDICTED
SOMETHIN' TO ME.
"A DEATH YOU CAN
NEVER ESCAPE WILL
PAY YOU A VISIT."
HE WAS SURE AS
HELL RIGHT, UP
'TIL THE ECLIPSE.

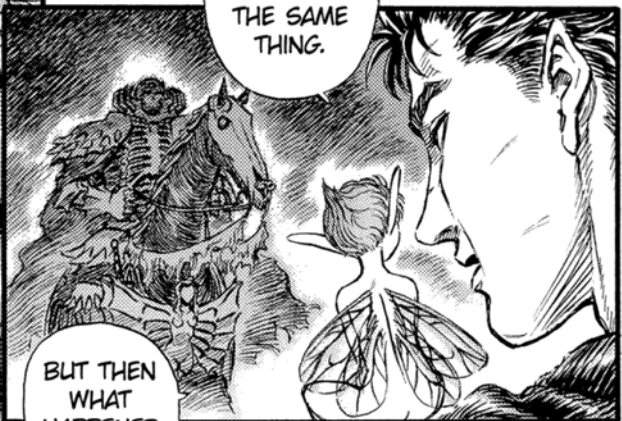


...PRETTY
SHADY,
ANYWAY.

THAT
WHOLE
CAUSALITY
BIT'S...



YOU SAID
THE SAME
THING.



BUT THEN
WHAT
HAPPENED
?

...EVEN IF
WE GOT
A LITTLE
TORN UP...



EVEN IF
WE SWAM
IN A SEA
OF BLOOD
AND SHIT...



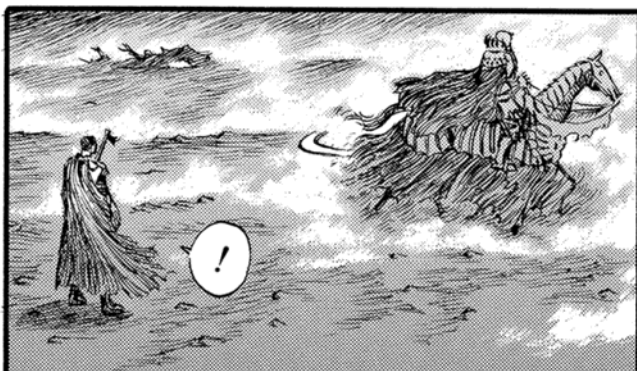
AND
THEN...

SURE,
YOU HELPED
US OUT
THAT TIME.

BUT THIS
TIME...

...I'LL
SAVE HER
BY MY
OWN
STRENGTH.

THEN...



...IT DOESN'T
MEAN IT
WILL BE
EXACTLY
THE SAME.

AND
EVEN IF IT
IMITATES
THE ECLIPSE
...

...I WILL
IN TURN
GAMBLE
EVERY-
THING
ON THAT
POINT.

THOUGH MINUTE,
SINGULAR DETAILS
CERTAINLY *CAN*
OCCUR AT THE TIME
JUNCTION POINT
THAT EVEN *THEY*
CAN'T PREDICT...

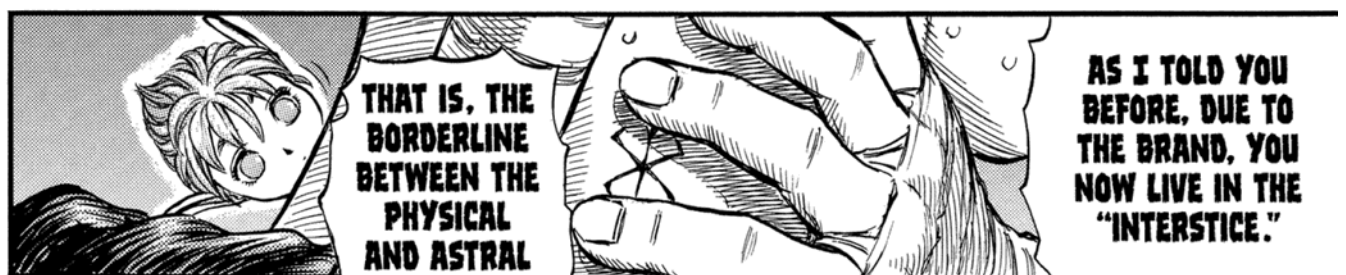
THE SCOPE
TOO HAS
NATURAL
LIMITS
IN THE
MATERIAL
DOMAIN.



...IT MAY
BE OF
UNANTI-
CIPATED AID.

WHAT
?

FURTHER-
MORE,
THAT BRAND
CARVED
INTO
YOU...



THAT IS, THE
BORDERLINE
BETWEEN THE
PHYSICAL
AND ASTRAL
WORLDS.

AS I TOLD YOU
BEFORE, DUE TO
THE BRAND, YOU
NOW LIVE IN THE
"INTERSTICE."

...BUT YOU
ARE OUTSIDE
THE REASON
OF THE WORLD.

IT'S
MERELY
HALF A
STEP...



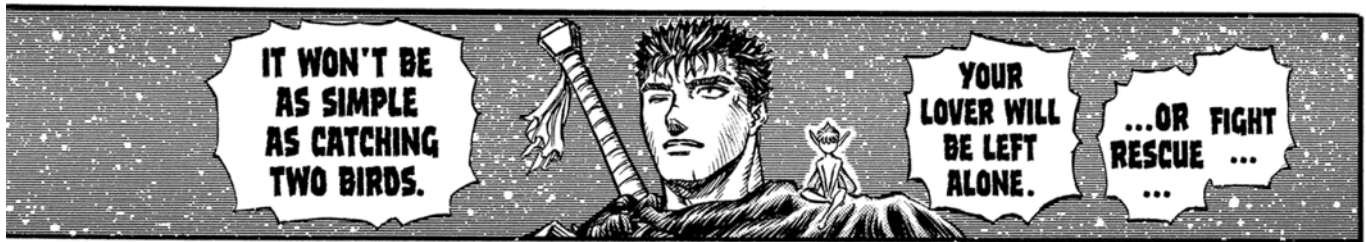
...BUT
INSTEAD,
A FISH THAT
BREACHES
THE WATER'S
SURFACE.

MAYBE YOU
AREN'T A
SHADOW
ON THE
WATER...



...I WILL
WARN YOU
OF ONE
THING.

HOW-
EVER
...



IT WON'T BE
AS SIMPLE
AS CATCHING
TWO BIRDS.

YOUR
LOVER WILL
BE LEFT
ALONE.

...OR FIGHT
RESCUE ...

*FX: BWOOOO



...SEE
YOU
AGAIN
...

AT THE HOLY
GROUND WHERE
BLIND SHEEP
GATHER...



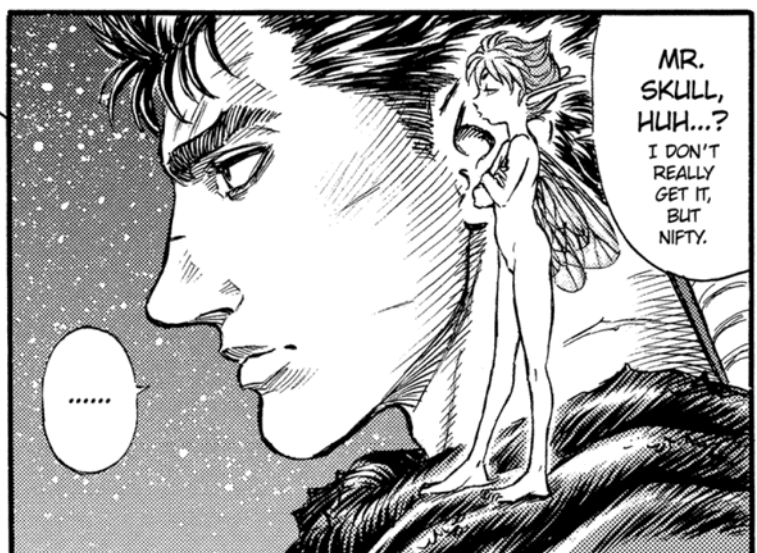
OOG!

YOU
SHOULDA
BUMMED
A RIDE
OFF HIM.



Y'KNOW
...

YEAH?



MR.
SKULL,
HUH...?
I DON'T
REALLY
GET IT,
BUT
NIFTY.

...HE KINDA
FELT LIKE
AN ELF...

...BUT
THAT
GUY...

MAYBE I
IMAGINED
IT...

HMMM
...

NAH,
NEVER-
MIND...



THAT'S
MY TOP
PRIORITY.
THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

I'LL
SAVE
CASCA.

BUT IF HE
STANDS
BEFORE
ME...

...THEN,
I'LL...

LET'S
GO.

CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY CHAPTER
SPIRIT ROAD (2): END



IT WAS LIKE
THE VOICE
OF A
HOWLING
MONSTER
BENEATH
THE EARTH.

IT WAS A
HOWLING,
BUT NOT
LIKE THE
WIND.

...I'D
COWER
IN MY
BED...

WHEN
I HEARD
THAT
SOUND...

...TO
SPEND
THE NIGHT
WITHOUT
SLEEP.

...ALONE...

...THE
CITY
SQUARE.

...IN MY ROOM
OVERLOOKING...

ROAR...
ROAR...

ROAR...
ROAR...

EVEN SO,
I FOUND
MYSELF
DRAWN
TO THE
WINDOW...



A
COUNTLESS
NUMBER
OF CAST
SHADOWS
WERE
WAVERING.

THERE
WAS THIS
MYSTERIOUS
PILLAR OF
FLAME.

ROAR...
ROAR...

LIKE SOME
KIND OF
FESTIVAL.

**CONVICTION ARC
BIRTH CEREMONY
CHAPTER**

PILLAR OF FLAME

**断罪篇
生誕祭の章 炎の柱**



*FX: LIFT





*FX: BOPH

RELEASE !!

*FX: ROARRR

EGH...

*FX: SNICKT SNAP

*FX: ROHHH

*FX: BROARRR

HELL...

"...THE COMMANDER'S
VOLUNTARILY BEEN
THROWING TORCHES
AT THE STAKES."

"SINCE THE
TIME SHE
WAS A
CHILD..."

...TO HAVE
TROUBLE
LIGHTING
PEOPLE
ON FIRE.

THE
WENCH
SURE
DOESN'T
SEEM...

HUH
?

APPARENTLY
THE
COMMANDER
HAS A LOT OF
EXPERIENCE
WHEN IT
COMES TO
THE STAKE.

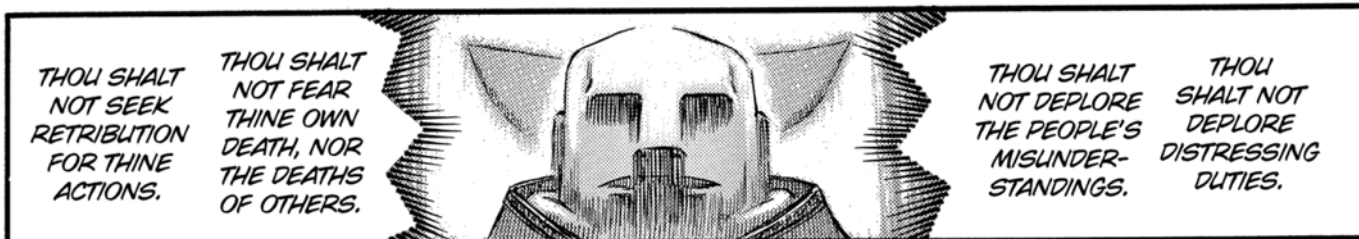
OH,
YOU DIDN'T
KNOW, SIR
JEROME?

"IT SEEMS WHEN
THE HERETIC
HUNTS WERE
WIDESPREAD,
THAT WAS USED
AS A BURNING
GROUND."

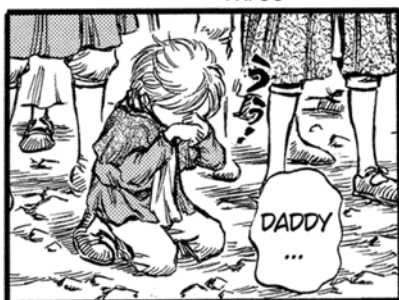
"HER
FAMILY'S
HOME FACED
THE CITY
SQUARE."

"...WAS APPROVED WAS HER
MERITORIOUS SERVICE THREE
YEARS AGO IN THE HOLY SEE,
WHEN SHE CAUGHT A GROUP
OF REBELLIOUS HERETICS
AND SENTENCED THEM TO
BURN AT THE STAKE."

"I HEARD
THE REASON
THE SEARCH
FOR THE
BLACK
SWORDSMAN
..."

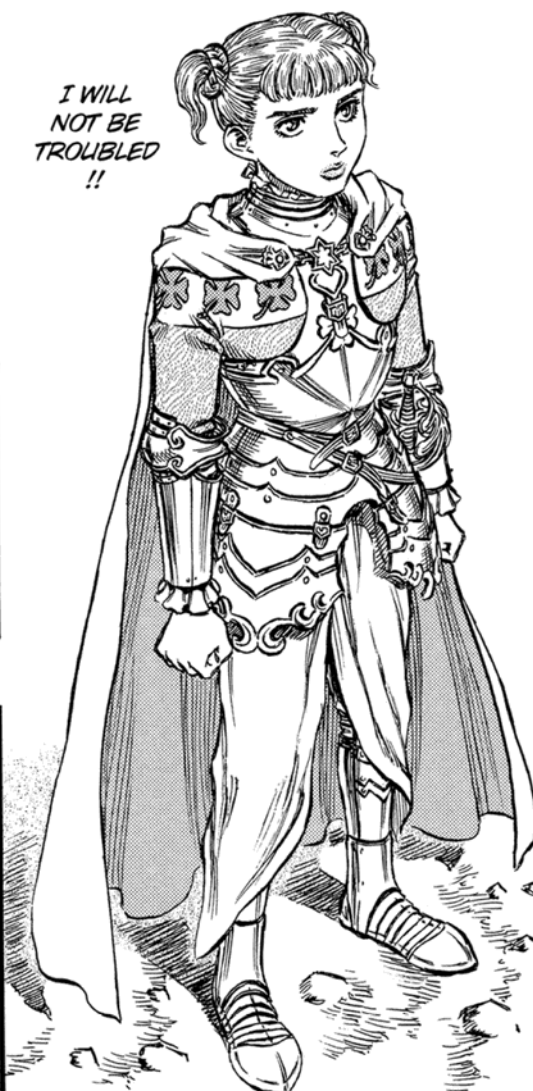


*FX: 00



I WILL
NOT BE
TROUBLED
!!

*FX: WHISPER

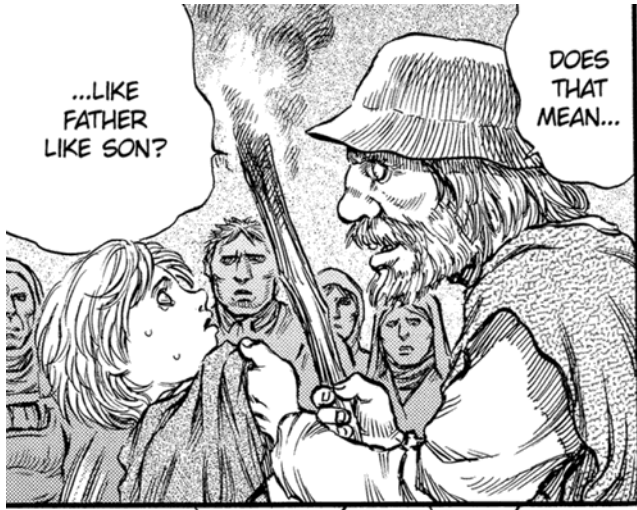


WHATEVER
BLOOD WE
SPILL IN
SPIRIT OR
FLESH,
AS MAN WE
CONTINUE
TO EXIST
DEVOUTLY
FOR GOD.

THOU
SHALT
NOT
QUESTION
GOD.

THAT IS
WHAT FAITH
IS ABOUT.





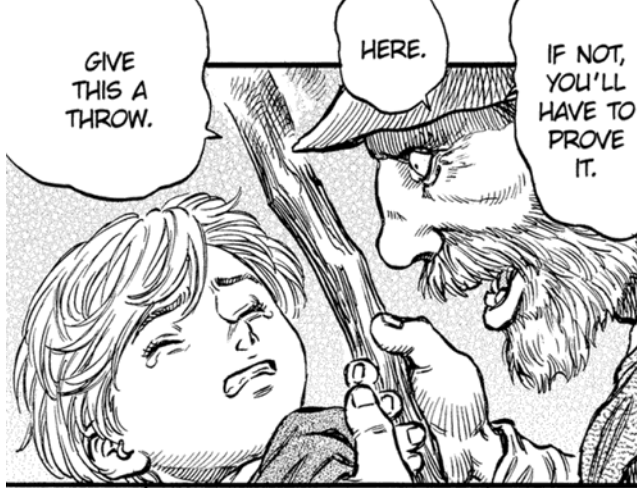
...LIKE FATHER LIKE SON?

DOES THAT MEAN...



YOU'RE DADDY'S A HERETIC, ISN'T HE?

HEHEH... LAD...



GIVE THIS A THROW.

HERE.

IF NOT, YOU'LL HAVE TO PROVE IT.

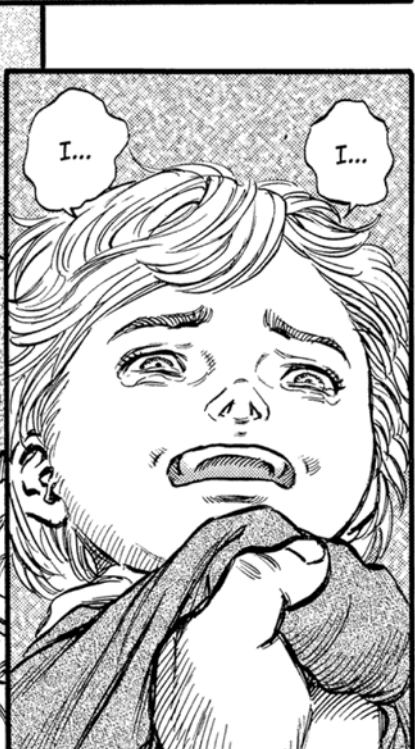


...YOU'LL BE THE NEXT ONE TURNED IN.

IF YOU DON'T THROW THIS HERE AND NOW...

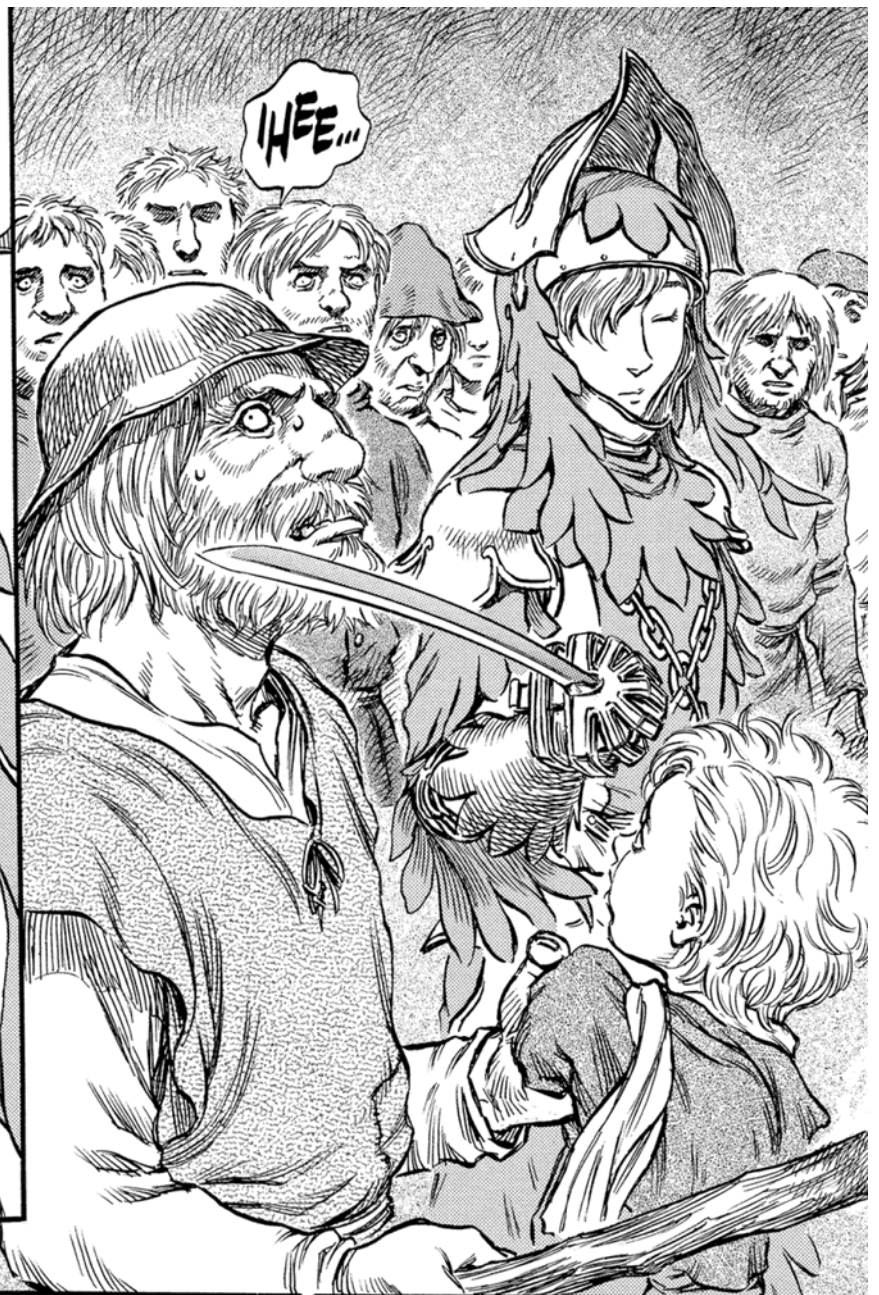
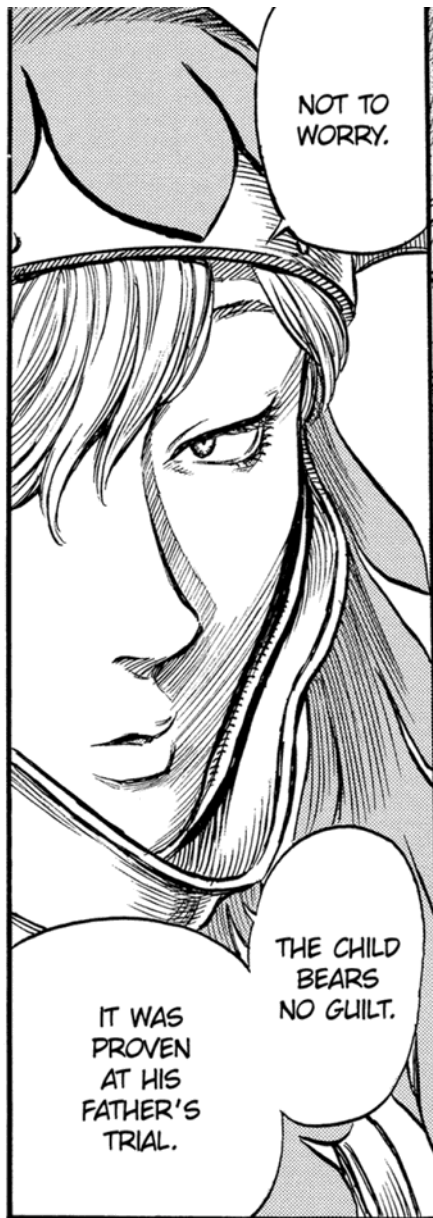
LOOK AROUND AT EVERYONE'S EYES.

I'M SAYIN' THIS OUT OF KINDNESS.

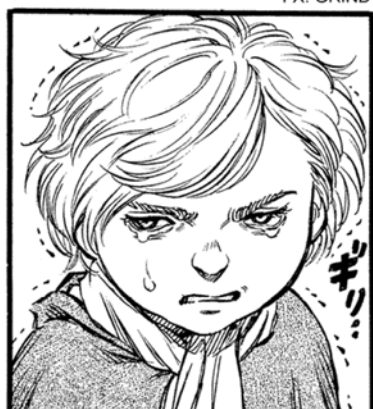


I...

I...



*FX: GRIND

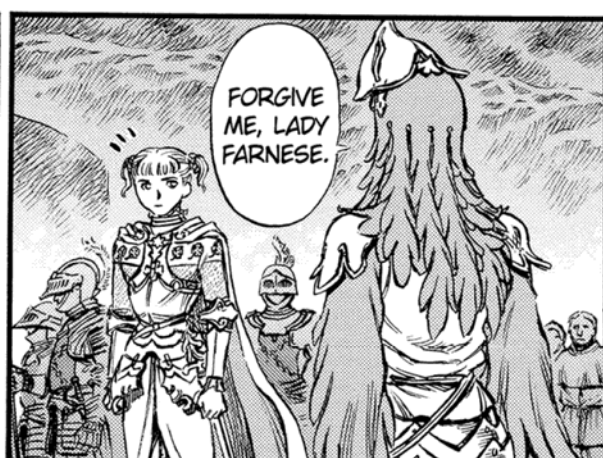
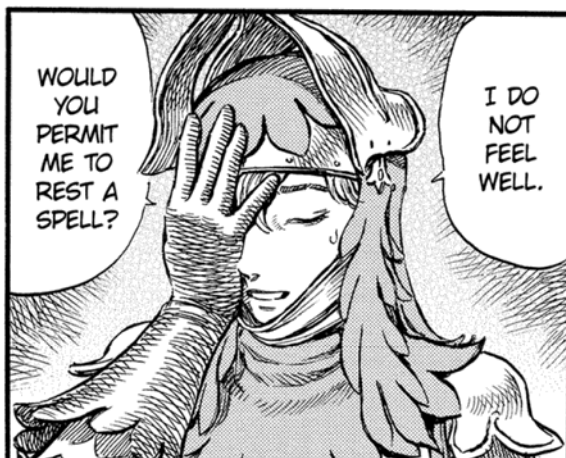




*FX: ROARRR



*FX: SWAY

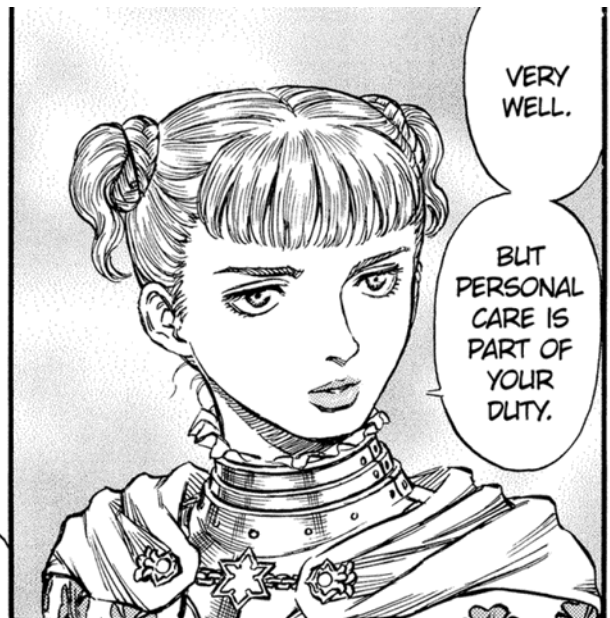




SLACK-ER.

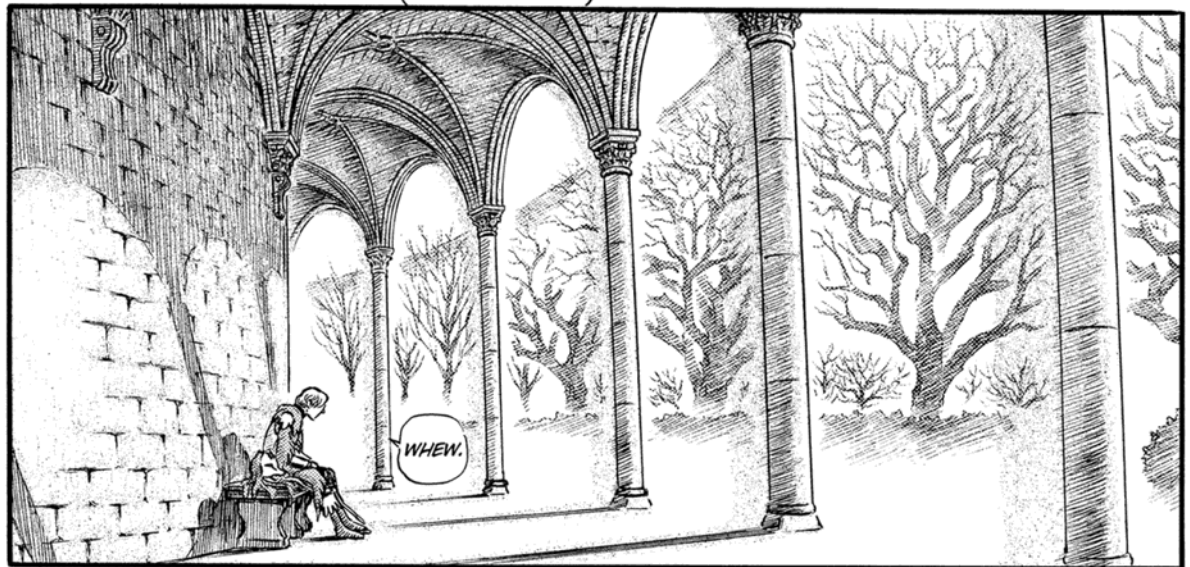
I APOLO-GIZE.

EVERY TIME WITH THE STAKE BURNINGS...

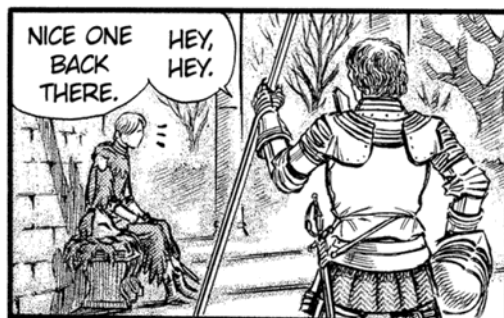


VERY WELL.

BUT PERSONAL CARE IS PART OF YOUR DUTY.

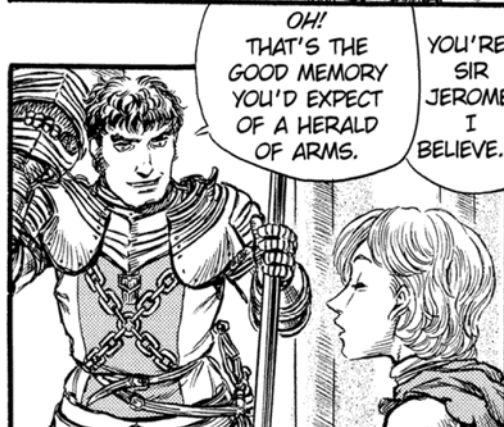


WHEW.



NICE ONE BACK THERE.

HEY, HEY.



OH!
THAT'S THE GOOD MEMORY
YOU'D EXPECT
OF A HERALD
OF ARMS.

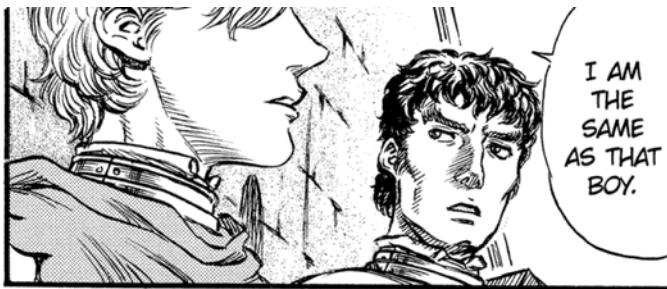
YOU'RE
SIR JEROME,
I BELIEVE...



...AT LEAST,
I STILL CANNOT
HANDLE.

FLAME...

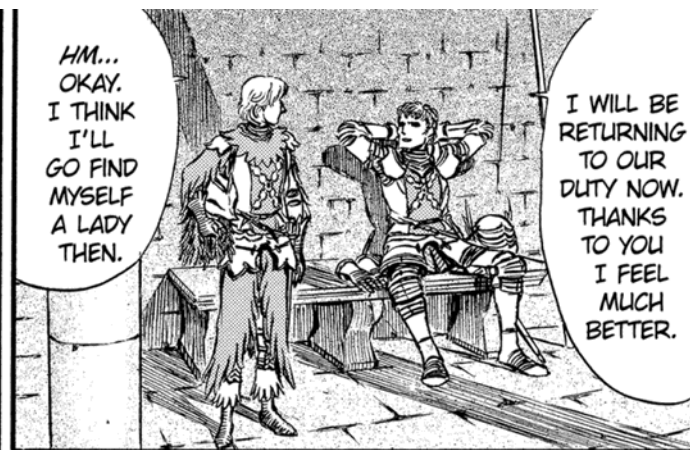






MY, MY.

AH, YES,
AN EX-
CHANGE
...



HM...
OKAY.
I THINK
I'LL
GO FIND
MYSELF
A LADY
THEN.

I WILL BE
RETURNING
TO OUR
DUTY NOW.
THANKS
TO YOU
I FEEL
MUCH
BETTER.



YOU
CAN
KEEP
A SE-
CRET.

ARE YOU
SURE YOU
WANT TO
TELL YOUR
HERALD
THAT...?



YEAH,
TAKE
CARE.

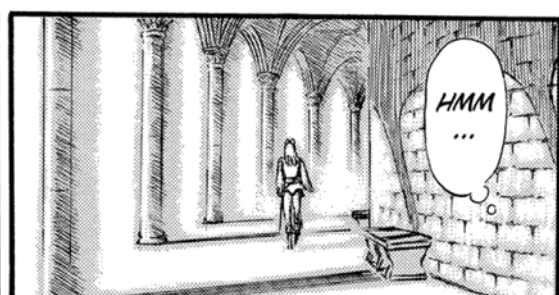
SEE
YOU
LATER.

FAIR
ENOUGH,
BUT TAKE
IT EASY.



...BUT
THERE'S
A LOT
GOING ON
IN HIM.

I
THOUGHT
HE WAS
JUST HER
TOADY...



HMM
...

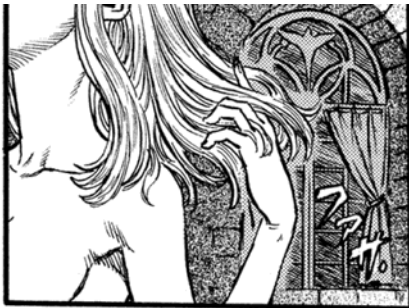


HE SAID
THREE
YEARS
AGO...?

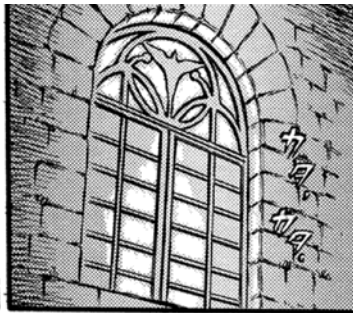
IT
COULDN'T
BE...

HN?

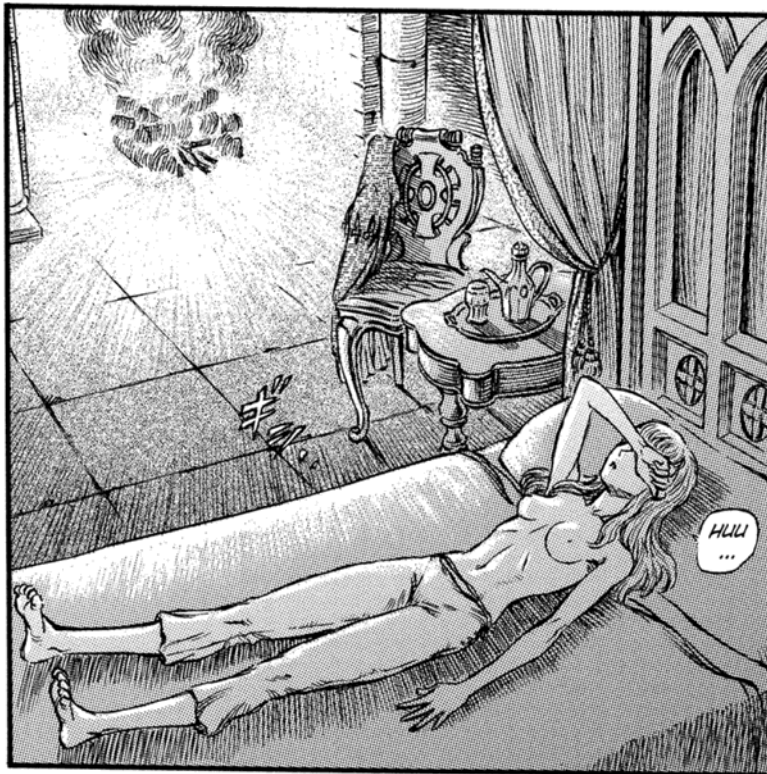
WAIT,
THOUGH.



*FX: FSSS



*FX: GTAK GTAK



*FX: GREESH



*FX: WHRRLLL





BEFORE I
KNEW IT, I WAS
DESCENDING
THE STAIRS,
AS IF LURED BY
THAT SOUND.

ROAR...
ROAR...

UNABLE
TO BEAR THE
DREADFULNESS...
...I OPENED
THE DOOR.



THE
SOUND
WAS
DREADFUL...

ROAR...
ROAR...

ROAR...



ROAR...

...WAVERING
ON THE
WALLS
OF THE
HOUSES.

A
CROWD OF
COUNTLESS
EERIE
SHADOWS...

THE STENCH
OF BURNING
FLESH.

SHOUTS
SOMEWHERE
BETWEEN
CHEERS AND
CONDEMNATIONS.



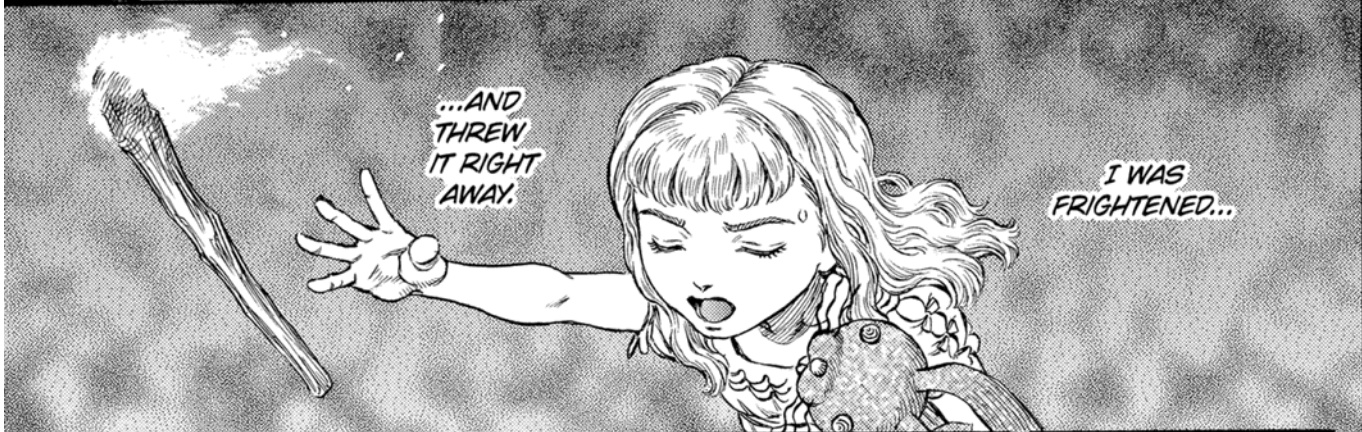


...OF THE
SKIN KNOWN
AS OUR
WORLD FROM
SECRETS,
HIDDEN BY
THE NIGHT,
THERE
SURGES
TERROR.

I KNEW
THEN,
WHEN YOU
PEEL BACK
A THIN
LAYER...



SUDDENLY,
SOMEONE
HANDED ME
A TORCH.



...AND
THREW
IT RIGHT
AWAY.

I WAS
FRIGHTENED...

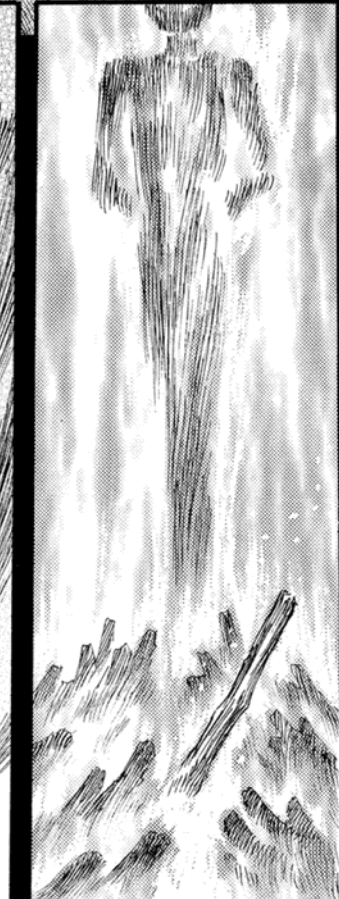


A STRANGE
THING
HAPPENED.

THE SHADOWS,
CORRESPONDING
TO THE TORCH
I'D THROWN,
SWAYED
ABOUT ALL
AT ONCE.



*UWOMM





I SEE!

I GET
IT!



OH HH



ONE
MORE.



...SO MANY
TIMES...

I CAST
THEM
IN...

...THAT
NIGHT.



EACH
TIME, THE
SHADOWS
SWAYED.

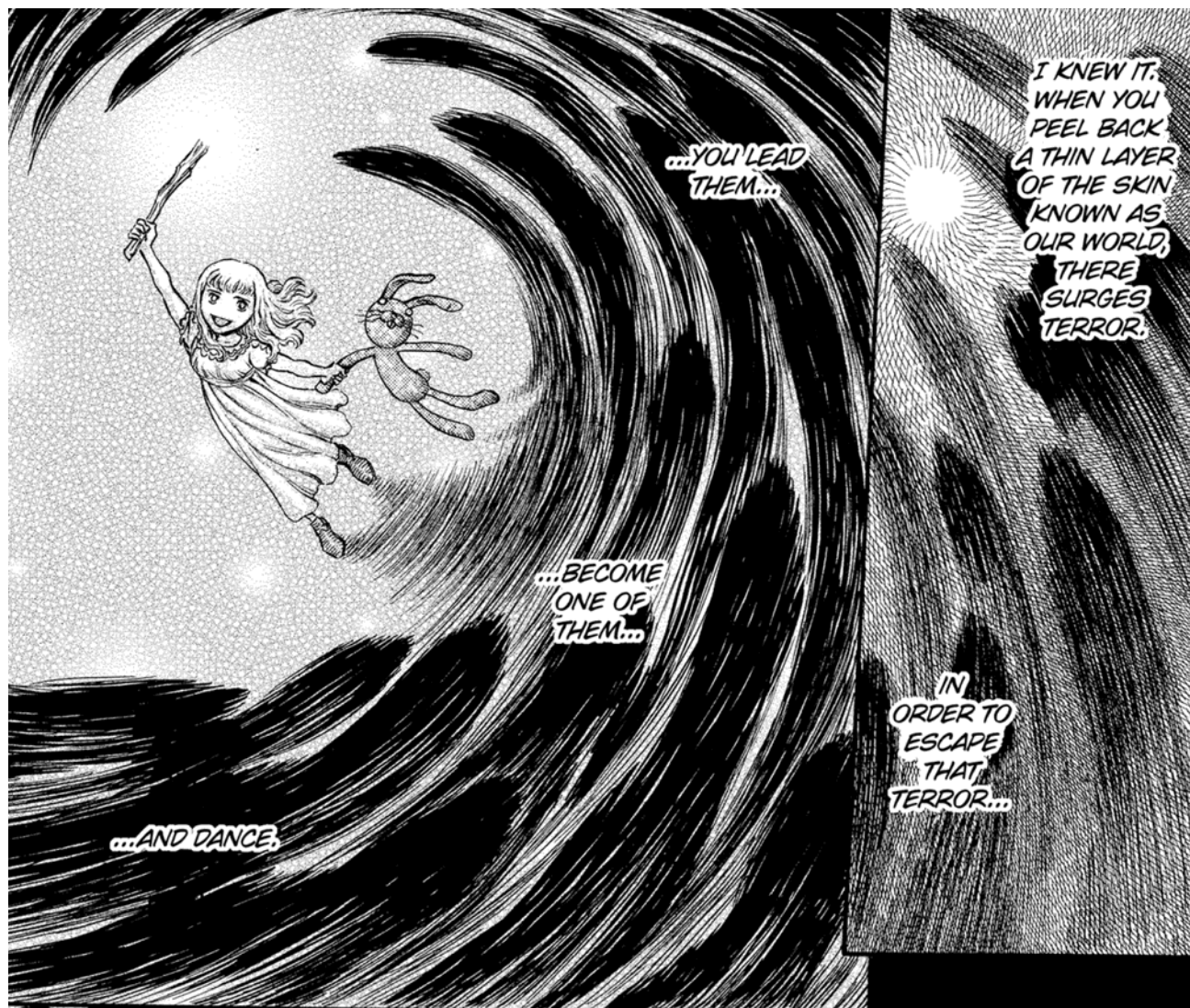
AS IF
DANCING.

AS IF
TREMBLING.



WHEN I
THROW IN
ONE OF
THESE...

...THE
SHADOWS
DANCE
BEFORE IT.



...YOU LEAD
THEM...

...BECOME
ONE OF
THEM...

...AND DANCE.

I KNEW IT.
WHEN YOU
PEEL BACK
A THIN LAYER
OF THE SKIN
KNOWN AS
OUR WORLD,
THERE
SURGES
TERROR.

IN
ORDER TO
ESCAPE
THAT
TERROR...

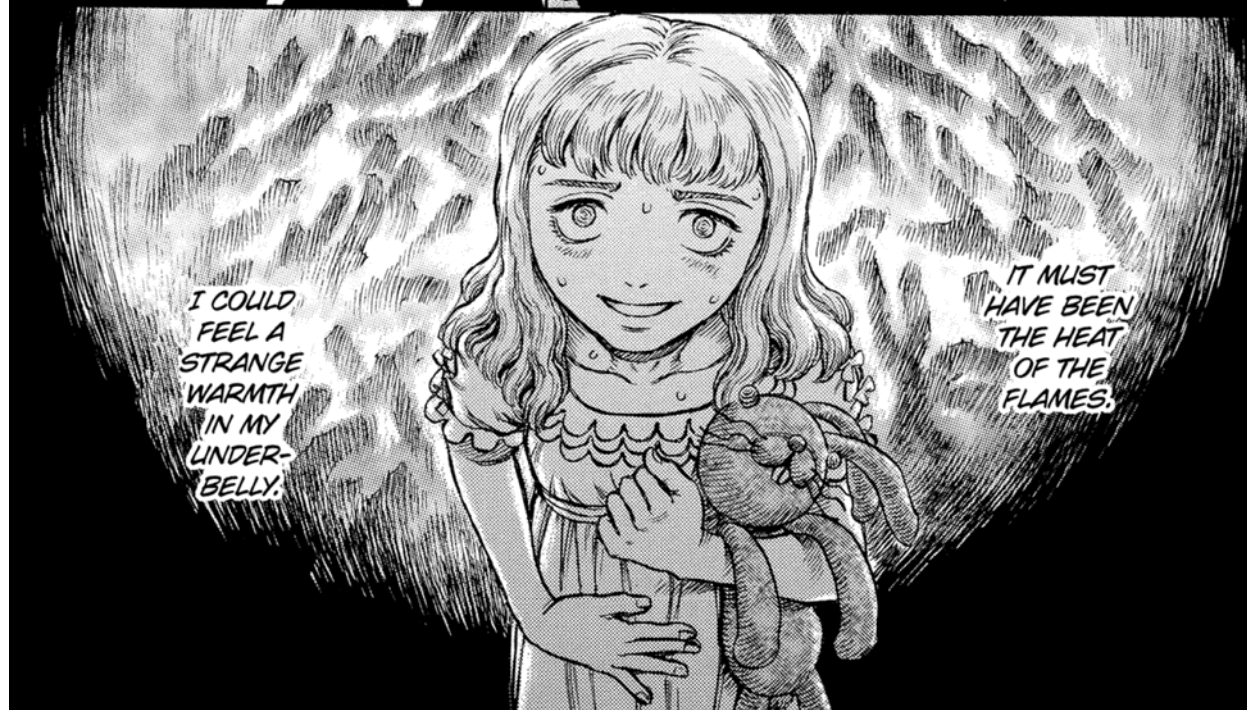


CHILD
OF
GREAT
FAITH.

WELL
DONE,
LITTLE
MISS.

THE
LORD'S
BLESSING
UPON
THIS
GIRL.

A
BLESSING.



I COULD
FEEL A
STRANGE
WARMTH
IN MY
LINDER-
BELLY.

IT MUST
HAVE BEEN
THE HEAT
OF THE
FLAMES.



*FX: POCH

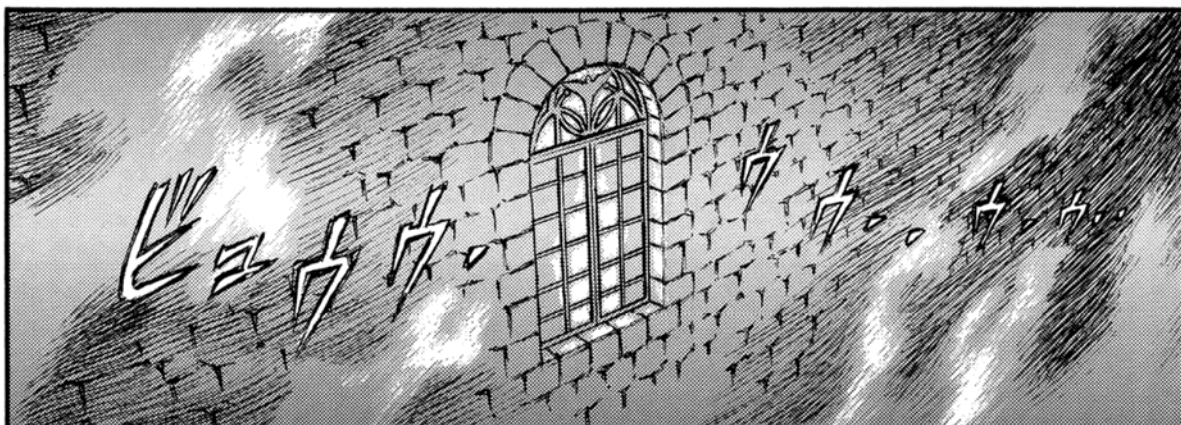




I'M NOT...

...IN THE
WRONG.

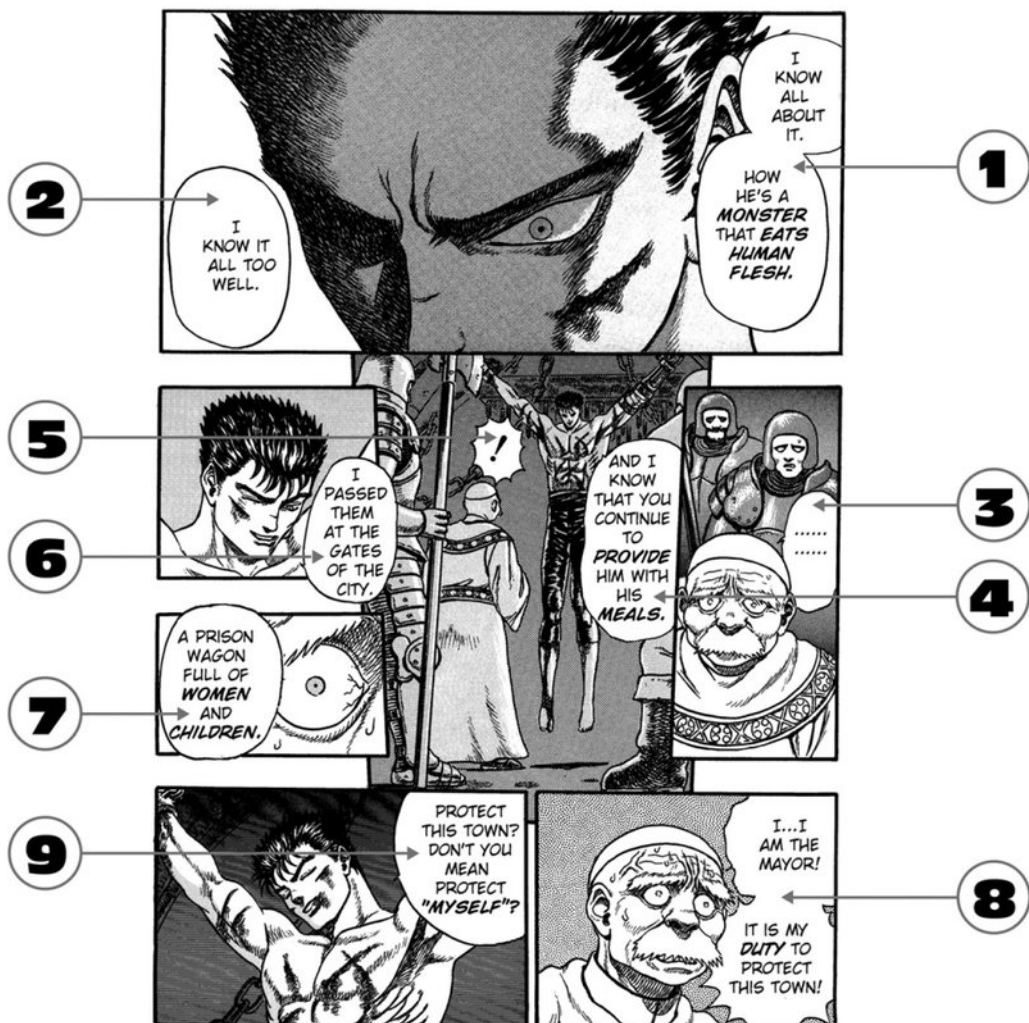
*FX: WHRRRLLL



! STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

**KENTARO
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18

三浦建太郎

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